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"And I'll tell it and think it and speak it and breathe it,
And reflect it from the mountain
so all souls can see it...."
-Bob Dylan

## Prof. Isserman calls Students "Whiny, Nasty Brats"

by Cristen Sargent '01
*SENIOR EDITOR*

Say you want a revolution–a mass email revoution that is, or a faculty-student relations revolution. It wasn't what Maurice Isserman had in mind when he sent an all-campus email Monday morning shaming both students who participated in last Friday's protest/party and the *Spectator's* coverage of the event.

504K worth of inbox space later, Information Technology Services announced the creation of a new online forum for public debate, while last night in the Annex almost 200 community members gathered to brainstorm ways to encourage debate and to engender positive change.

What follows is a chronology of events, outcomes and forums that community memembers can use to better understand and participate in the discussion at hand.

**The Events:**

**Friday, October 27**
- Approximately 200 students gather on the main quad to party with alcohol in the late afternoon. The purpose of this event, according to organizers, is to demonstrate that students could act responsibly with alcohol.

**Monday, October 30**
- History Professor Maurice Isserman sends an email to the community condemning the behavior of what he sees as a vocal minority of students he labels "nasty, whiny brats" present at Friday's event. The email condemns the *Spectator*'s flippant coverage of behavior toward campus safety officers and Kirkland polic officers present.
- Over 40 mass email responses ensue, ranging from email chain letters to detailed, lengthy responses to Isserman's original email and concern over the lack of cyberspace for campus debate. Debby Quayle sends a personal reply to each of the offenders, notifying them of the loss of the privilege to send all-campus emails, as stipulated in ITS mass mailing list policy.

**Tuesday, October 31**
- David Smallen announces the creation of a new space on the Hamilton website based on a discussion feature used in many courses. According to Smallen, "This will allow all members of the Hamilton community to participate in the discussions through the Web without competing with their e-mail. ...people who only want to participate occasionally can do so."
- President Tobin invites the community to a special forum regarding student-faculty relations to take place the following night. This agenda will be strictly adhered to, according to Student Assembly President John O'Keeffe, because there is already a realization that there are problems and concerns. O'Keeffe felt it was time to change tack and concentrate on constructive progress and possible solutions.

FILE PHOTO

**An all-campus email barrage prompted the Student Assembly to call a town hall meeting earlier this week.**

**Wednesday, November 1**
- Over 200 community members attend the forum, mediated by O'Keeffe and Bugliari. Attendees announce specific ideas to help ameliorate perceived problems, including strained faculty-student relations and scant social options.

**Saturday, November 4**
- 30th annual Adler Conference, 12-7 p.m. Daylong opportunity to discuss relationships on campus. Contact Veronica Allen to attend.

**The Outcomes:**

- ITS announces a new community forum, effective Friday, on which community members may post messages. It can be accessed at cms.hamilton.edu by clicking in the "community" tab in the Courseinfo space.

- Seth O'Bryan '01 is organizing a group with two or so members from each facet of the Hamilton community-two students, fac-

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PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

**Mac Weiss '02, Stephanie Gray '02, David Trovato '02, in costume, led area children around campus for the Annual Trust Treat.**

## *Parents' Weekend political forum is well received event*

by Ashley Lee '02
*NEWS WRITER*

This past weekend, Hamilton students, parents, and faculty came together to discuss the upcoming presidential and congressional elections. Led by Professors of Government Ted Eismeier, Richard Powell, and Kristin Campbell, the discussion was informative and thought-provoking. In fact, the audience was so impassioned by the discussion that many people chose to stay well over the hour allotted for the forum.

Professor Powell and Professor Campbell began the forum. Powell spoke about pressing issues in the presidential election and Campbell raised awareness about the congressional elections. While both professors were careful not to make predictions about who will win, they did provide essential information about each election that later sparked questions and observations from the audience.

Powell spoke about three important elements in the presidential election. He noted that the leadership, personality, and knowledge of the candidates are all concerns of the American people. Also, the American people are encouraged by the past success of the economy, concerned about its future. The candidates' economic policies are of great importance to the American people.

Lastly, Powell discussed the "Nader Effect" and how Ralph Nader's presence in the election is hurting Al Gore's chances of being elected President. Powell explained that Nader is taking votes away from Gore, which means that in some instances Bush could end up winning the majority of the popular votes from a state and could, in turn, win that state's electoral votes.

Campbell spoke about both the House and the Senate races. She discussed the effects of the presidential race on the congressional races. She explained that because this year's presidential race is so close, the presidential candidates are focusing on themselves and not on supporting the congressional candidates. Whereas in the past the congressional candidates have been backed by presidential candidates, this year's congressional candidates control their own political fate.

Campbell also mentioned that the presidential race is taking away media coverage from the congressional race. She noted that this might be problematic for congressional candidates because the media offers them the chance for the name recognition that they need in order to win.

In this year's election, more than in past elections, the incumbent has more of a chance to win because, even without media coverage, they have name recognition. Campbell did offer a few observations about the future of the Congress. She determined that there would be a shift in the House. The Republicans have many more open seats in the House than the Democrats do, which means that there is more of a chance that the Republicans will lose seats. In the Senate, she predicted little change.

Professor Eismeier concluded the panel's discussion and made statements

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# Email fallout

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ulty, administrators, physical plant workers, staff member, food service in order to open lines of communication.

- Mary Karen Vellines, assistant dean of admission, will organize kitchens on campus where students can have professors over for dinner.
- Steve Guditus's '01 challenge: Ask a professor, administrator, staff member, or someone you'd like to get to know better out to lunch.
- The Daily Bull announces a forum day: every Wednesday, letters from the community will be accepted for publication.
- In an attempt to better utilize campus spaces for nonalcoholic events, next Thursday, November 9th from 12-2am is Midnight Munchies night, free at The Little Pub.

**The Forums:**

Don't sit at home and let change happen without your input. Care about the issues that affect life at Hamilton and play a part in resolving these issues.

- Student Assembly President John O'Keeffe
- Committee on Information Technology, responsible for changes to mass mail policy: AJ Livecchi '03 (student representative), Barbara Gold, Christophre Georges, Daniel O'Leary, David Smallen, Karen Brewer, Kristin Friedel, Randall Ericson, Richard Seager (chair), Steve Goldberg
- Daily Bull Wednesday forums: dailybul@hamilton.edu
- Spectator op-ed section: spec@hamilton.edu.
- Online Forum: cms.hamilton.edu. Click on the 'Community tab' in the Courseinfo space.

# Q&A with Professor Maurice Isserman

**by Cristen Sargent '01**
*SENIOR EDITOR*

After starting to collect information for my article on the week's events, I realized that Professor Isserman's answers to my questions were not all relevant to the overall story I wanted to report. But I also felt that many people had questions similar to mine, and I thought that everyone should have the opportunity to read his answers in their entirety, not just me.

*CS: What was your intent in sending the mass email message?*

Maurice Isserman, (Professor of History): I sent the e-mail because I was disgusted with myself for having remained silent so long about the posturing of a destructive minority among the student body (the now-famous "nasty, whiny brats," or NWB's for short.) Like many of my colleagues, and like many students here, there have been just too many times when I shrugged my shoulders after witnessing one or another act of snotty, juvenile arrogance. The cynic in me said, "Well, what can you expect?" But the idealist in me said, "No, that's wrong. These creeps, despite what they pretend, don't represent the majority of decent and intelligent Hamilton students."

*CS: Were you expecting that students/faculty would respond via the allcampus system? What do you think of the kinds of responses that were posted?*

**MI**: The response I've received since sending out the e-mail confirms for me that my inner idealist was right all along. Sure, there was the predictable temper tantrum by the usual collection of NWB's. But I also received dozens of messages of support from students thanking me for speaking out on an issue that has long troubled them. That, of course, raises another question. Why was it necessary for me, an individual faculty member, to speak out the way I did? A campus security officer was assaulted from behind by cowardly bullies. Beer cans were thrown at a police car. Where were the voices of institutional responsibility and moral authority? The Spectator treated the event as good clean fun — "You've got to fight, for your right, to party," etc. The student government was silent. The dean of students office was silent. When institutions fail to uphold their responsibilities, individuals have to step forward. That's what I did, and that's what the students who stepped forward in support of what I had to say did.

*CS: What sort of responses did you personally receive?*

**MI**: One of the most interesting e-mails I received in response to my message came from Brian Schulte, a junior at the College, and vice president of Tau Kappa Epsilon. Mr. Schulte is clearly not a NWB. He wrote a thoughtful and respectful dissent to my message, and unlike some of the less thoughtful responses I received, he did not deny that bad things happened on Friday. They were the result, he said of the "idiocy" of "10 unruly fools," out of a crowd that (although he was not there) he estimated at 200. But if 10 people in a crowd of 200 — or 2000 for that matter — assault security officers and throw things at the police, and the rest do nothing to disassociate themselves from those acts, then the only way to interpret their behavior is as supporting those actions. I suggested to Mr. Schulte that, feeling the way he did, it was his responsibility to let the rest of the campus know his opinion of the "10 unruly fools" and I was pleased to see that he did so in Tuesday's "Daily Bull." But I'm still waiting to hear from anyone who was actually there on Friday criticize the actions of the 10 unruly fools in their midst.

*CS: Why did you decide to send a mass email as opposed to, say, a letter to the editor, writing something for the Daily Bull, or other venues?*

**MI**: There is a lot of fear on this campus. Many of the students who wrote to support me said they thought I was very brave. I'm always happy to be praised, but what's so brave about sending an e-mail? (Somehow I'll survive the suspension of my mass mailing privileges.) It is a very sad commentary that a lot of students on this campus fear to speak their minds — fearing retaliation, socially, perhaps even physically, from the NWB's who pretend to represent student opinion. I had students write to me, expressing their support, but begging me to protect their anonymity. All over the world, dictators are toppling. It just happened in Yugoslavia. I say, let it happen here. Down with the dictatorship of the NWB's.

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# Middle East violence continues to fester

by James P. Du Vernay '03
*NEWS WRITER*

Last Friday, Israel witnessed a return of violence after several days of relative calm. Violence has been ongoing within the region for the past month. Most receintly, clashes between Palestinians and Israeli troops in Palestinian cities throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip left more than 150 Palestinians and 4 soldiers with injuries. Several battles were reported at the Erez Crossing along the Gaza and Israeli border. On Monday night, Israeli attack helicopters unleashed missile strikes against the offices of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah Movement in retaliation for the deaths of two Israeli soldiers near Jerusalem.

Since violence began on September 28, at least 166 people have been killed (141 Palestinians, 13 Israeli Arabs and 12 Israeli Jews) according to estimates from the International Red Cross. The current incitement stems from a visit by Israeli opposition Likud party leader Ariel Sharon to the temple Mount, a holy site in the largely Arabic East Jerusalem.

The conflict in the Middle East hits close to home for several member of the Hamilton College Community who have ties to the region. Two Hamilton students had plans to spend this semester studying in Israel or other areas of the Mideast; at least one of them has had to relocate to Europe.

Being so far removed from the action has not lessened the anxiety felt by those on campus with connections to the region. Manal Ataya '01 lives in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), a country located only several hours southeast of Israel. She noted how close she feels to the actions in Israel.

"Living there, the struggle is close to home. 50% of UEA's population comes from that region. The conflict is always around you."

Ataya noted the solidarity all Arab nations feel for one another.

"It's called 'uma'-Arabs see themselves as under one umbrella nation. It's a response to oppression; you form alliances with people with similar culture and who will support you."

Saadiah Lababidi '01 formerly lived in Egypt and still has close relatives living there. "There is probably no immediate threat to Egyptians in general, but Israel does affect the entire region, and we (Egyptians) are in close proximity."

Lababidi was not surprised by the intensification of Palestinians' protest. "There's been over 50 years of serious suppression, frustration, and anger that is now surfacing. It's reached a point of no return... people think 'the negotiations haven't worked, we need to take action into our own hands.'"

A string of international mediated negotiations between Arafat and Israeli Prime Ministers have resulted in concessions by both sides and some progress, but most analysts of the Middle East cite many unresolved issues impeding the peace process. These include Arafat's desire for an independent Palestinian state, the establishment of mutually acceptable borders, access to scarce water supplies, rights of refugees, and control of Jerusalem. Considered sacred by Jews, Muslims, and Christians alike, the question of Jerusalem highlights the complex religious sensibilities involved.

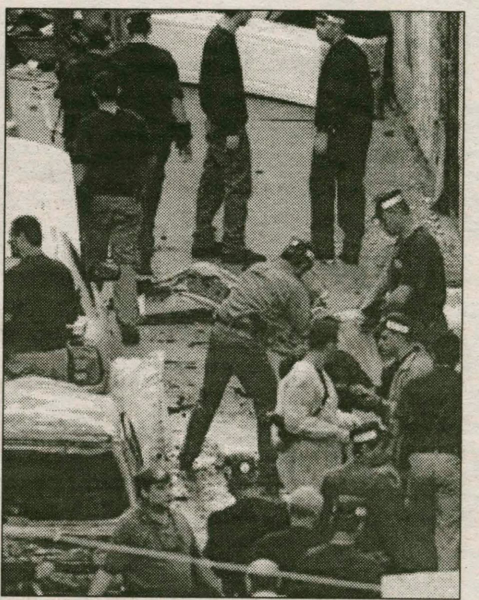
"Imagine if you lacked access to a place you had to visit because of religious beliefs," Ataya suggested "People feel this is a religious right, and want to be able to go to sacred religious sites, to pray."

Complicating the process, "Both parties perceive themselves as victims, a claim which does have some legitimacy," said Hamilton Professor of Government Yael Aronoff. "Due to both parties' perceptions of themselves as victims, it is extremely difficult for them to take responsibility for any actions that have hindered the peace process."

Professor Aronoff has done extensive field studies in Israel and lived there for nine years. In a speech presented on campus last Thursday, she stressed the need for Palestinians and Israelis to focus on the future, and criticized the Israeli Prime Minister's decision last week to take a time-out from the peace process in the midst of the renewed violence.

"Time-outs serve no good if peace is the immediate goal. Looking at the past only hurts...instead, both parties need to look to the future, put the cycle of violence aside, and negotiate for a cease-fire and lasting peace."

A multilateral meeting of leaders convened in Egypt during October in response to the violence. This resulted in a verbal



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**Israeli police officers investigate the area around the bomb which exploded near the Mahane Yehuda market in Jerusalem Thursday, Nov. 2. (AP)**

agreement between Barak and Arafat. Both sides pledged to publicly demand an end to the violence and to work with the US to resolve the continuing conflicts.

Palestinians and Israelis have contested land, similar in area to the state of New Jersey, in the Mideast for over 50 years. Ancient Muslims and Hebrews have both inhabited the land, although Arab or Muslim inhabitants, referred to as Palestinians, have principally lived in the area until about 100 years ago.

Zionist movements calling for a Jewish homeland began forming in 1897. International support solidified for the creation of an independent Jewish state after the atrocities of World War II. In 1947, the United Nations passed Resolution 181 which outlined a partition of Palestine territory into one Arabic State and one Jewish State. Bordering Arab nations invaded the new nation one day after its founding on May 14, 1948.

Although many Palestinians fled the new Jewish state for the surrounding countries of Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria, millions remained, and conflict has proven unavoidable. Activists formed the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) in 1964 to reclaim lands through the means of force and diplomacy.

Since the 1970s, a central tenet of these diplomatic efforts has revolved around the concept of land for peace. The United States has played a major part in the negotiations, acting the role of mediator. Although the US has significant cultural and political ties with Israel, Palestinian negotiators have generally accepted the US as a neutral mediator.

Aronoff attributed this acceptance to the lack of other viable options. "Even the UN cannot match the United States' ability, as the lone remaining superpower, to act as guarantor and provide authority for the negotiations."

The 2000 presidential election could affect the US's future involvement. Candidate George Bush has said he favors letting the countries work out their own time schedule for negotiations. Vice President Al Gore seems to favor continuing the active approach President Clinton has taken.

Regardless of the presidential outcome, lasting peace in the Middle East does not seem likely to materialize soon.

"Right now, the future looks very bleak considering the last month, said Lababidi.

"With so much anger and frustration on both sides, it will remain difficult for Israelis and Palestinians to work it out. Lots of issues that need to be addressed are not being addressed."

# *Political discussion well received by parents*

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about the major trends in the elections. He explained that geographically, political affiliations have changed greatly over the past 50 years. While the Democrats once controlled the South, and the Republicans dominated the Northeast, these two regions have changed party alliances.

On the topic of party alliances, Eismeier also explained that overall, the American people have voiced a dissatisfaction with the choices available in this election. Also, he noted a trend among the American people. They are moving away from strong party alliances to a more middle, independent ground. He explained that the voters believe Gore and Bush are not the best candidates for the presidency. He proposed that the "Nader Effect" could be a direct link to this dissatisfaction.

After the panel spoke, the professors began a question and answer session. The session, originally proposed to be "just a few questions," lasted an hour and a half. When Professor Eismeier explained that the session had to end, hands were still raised. People were eager to continue this discussion. Eismeier commented on the enthusiasm.

"I was pleasantly surprised to have a packed KJ Auditorium and very impressed by the level of interest and knowledge of the audience. Now I know why we have so many excellent Government students here at Hamilton!"

The topics discussed during the question and answer included: Presidential elections of future Supreme Court justices, voter apathy (especially in college-age voters), the candidates' proposals for the surplus and the future of the environment, and, of course, the New York Senate Race.

It is evident that this past weekend's forum was a success. In fact, President Tobin even noted at the "Meet the Faculty" that a number of parents had mentioned how much they had enjoyed the discussion. The question now is: "Whether or not we will have to wait another four years to hold this type of forum?" Professor Eismeier does not seem to think so.

He explained, "Considering the level of interest in this session, perhaps we should consider some public affairs session each Parents' Weekend. A session on some international issue, like the Middle East, might be very interesting." With the elections only a few days away, it is encouraging that the Hamilton Community is not only informed about the election, but also is interested in sharing their knowledge through discussion.

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# 2000 Presidential Candidate Spotlight

by Allison Scott '02
*NEWS WRITER*

Only six more days until election day! If you thought you knew all there was to know about Bush and Gore, you might be surprised.

## Al Gore

**Party Affiliation:** Democratic Party

**Educated at:** Harvard University, Vanderbuilt University Divinity School, and Vanderbuilt University Law School.

**Residency:** Lives in Washington D.C.

**Marital Status:** Married to Mary Elizabeth (Tipper) with four children

**Religion:** Baptist

**Military Service:** US Army (1969-1971)

**Running Mate:** Ezola Foster-an African American woman who is a former public school teacher. Pat calls her his "political soul mate."

**Political Experience:** Vice President of the United States (1993-present), US Senator from Tennessee (1985-1993), Candidate for Democratic Party Nomination for President (1987-1988), US Representative from Tennessee (1977-1976).

**Work Experience:** Farmer (1973-1990), Investigative Reporter and Editorial Writer (1971-1976), Home builder and land developer (1971-1976).

**Running Mate:** Joe Lieberman-an Orthodox Jewish US Senator from Connecticut. Famous for demoralizing Clinton during the Monica Scandal.

**Where Gore Stands:**

ABORTION
- supports abortion rights.

CAMPAIGN FIANCE REFORM
- supports public financing of congressional and presidential campaigns through his $7billion "Democracy Endowment" fund.
- supports banning "soft money" donations to political parties from all sources, including individuals.

DEFENSE
- supports a policy of "forward engagement" that includes a limited national missile defense that would not threaten the anti-ballistic missile treaty with Russia.
- supports continued investments in technology and defense industries

ECONOMY/TAXES
- Supports setting aside the entire projected Social Security surplus of $2.39 trillion.
- supports using $432 billion to shore up the Medicare program, including prescription drug benefits
- supports the creation of Universal Savings Accounts to help low- and middle-income families without access to IRAs or 401Ks save for retirement.
- supports providing tax relief for stay-at-home parents and expanding family leave for those working outside home
- supports expanding income housing tax credits to expand and improve the quality of available low-income housing
- supports providing technology bonds to help undeserved communities develop an information infrastructure
- supports a "New Markets Initiative" to provide tax credits to stimulate new private capital investments in economically distressed communities around the country.
- proposes $480 billion in targeted tax cuts over 10 years, with no change in the overall rate structure
- would eliminate the national debt by 2012.

EDUCATION
- supports national education standards
- proposes creation of a National Tuition Savings Program to help families invest their money in special trusts which help pay for their children's tuition at universities outside of their state.
- proposes mandatory teacher testing for all new teachers and rigorous evaluations after granting teacher licenses
- supports raising teacher pay and will hire over 100,000 new teachers in order to reduce class size in lower grades.
- supports providing funding to help recruit, hire and train 1,000,000 new teachers over the next ten years, with incentives for those who commit to work in a high-need school.
- supports modernizing schools, including rebuilding outdated buildings, wiring every classroom to the Internet and training students and teachers to use that technology

ENERGY
- opposes oil and gas exploration in the Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge
- supports providing consumers with a tax credit for the purchase of more fuel-efficient cars.
- would provide consumers with a tax credit up to $2,000 to purchase energy-efficient new homes or up to a $1,000 credit to upgrade the efficiency of their current homes, and extend a 20 percent tax credit to businesses for the purchase of energy-efficient building equipment.
- would expand the tax credit for solar energy

ENVIRONMENT
- supports the Kyoto global warming agreement
- supports the ban on off-shore drilling on undeveloped leases off the California and Florida coasts
- supports spending $2 billion over 10 years to create new parklands and open spaces: $1 billion in tax cuts to landowners that conserve property; $1 billion for cities and states to create parks
- would increase funding for clean water programs, tighten standards, and ensure a more comprehensive watershed approach to improve water quality
- supports Superfund cleanup of the worst environmental problems in the country and further strengthening the standards that give people and communities the "Right to Know" about toxins in their neighborhoods.

HEALTH CARE
- supports allowing senior 55-65 to buy into Medicare program
- supports providing a 25 percent refundable tax credit for individuals lacking access to employer-based health coverage to purchase private insurance
- supports using part of the federal budget surplus to offer a voluntary prescription drug benefit for Medicare beneficiaries
- supports the creation of "National Family Care-giving Program" a one-stop support center for families who care for elderly relatives.

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES
- supports extending permanent normal trade relations to China and the one-China policy
- opposes the Taiwan Security Enhancement Act, which calls for closer ties to Taipei.
- supports the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty
- Supports engagement and cooperation with Russia-he co-chaired the US-Russia Bilateral Commission for five years
- supports the embargo on Cuba
- supports current administration policy of economic sanctions and "containment" of Iraq
- supports the NAFTA

## George Bush

**Party Affiliation:** Republican Party

**Educated at:** Yale University and Harvard Busines School

**Residency:** Lives in Austin, Texas

**Marital Status:** Married (Laura Welch) with twin daughters.

**Religion:** Methodist

**Military Service:** Military-Pilot in Texas Air National Guard (1968-1973)

**Running Mate:** Ezola Foster-an African American woman who is a former public school teacher. Pat calls her his "political soul mate."

**Political Experience:** Governor of Texas (1995-present), advisor/speechwriter for dad's campaign (reaLives in Austin, Texasd my lips) (1987-88), Republican Nominee for US Representative from Texas's 19th district

**Work Experience:** Managing General Partner for Texas Rangers Baseball Team (1989-94), Consultant for Harleen Energy Corporation (1986), President of Spectrum Corporation (1984-86), Founder/CEO Bush Exploration (1975-84)

**Running Mate:** Dick Cheney-former House member (Wyoming), Chief of Staff (Ford) and Secretary of Defense (Bush).

**Where Gore Stands:**

ABORTION
- supports pro-life

EDUCATION
- supports reforming public schools y closing the achievement gap, setting high standards, promoting character education, and ensuring school safety

TAXES
- believes one quarter of the surplus should be returned to the people who earned it through broad tax cuts
- supports cutting high marginal rates, thus increasing access to the middle class
- supports doubling the child credit, eliminating the death tax, reducing the marriage penalty, and expanding the Educational Savings Accounts and charitable deductions. As a result, six million families will no longer pay federal income tax

SOCIAL SECURITY
- supports keeping social security and not changing any of the promised benefits
- supports saving social security by reforming it for the next generation by giving individuals the option of voluntarily investing a portion of their Social Security payroll taxes in person retirement accounts that will earn higher rates of return

DEFENSE
- supports a strong, capable and modern military
- supports defending America with an effective national missile defense program

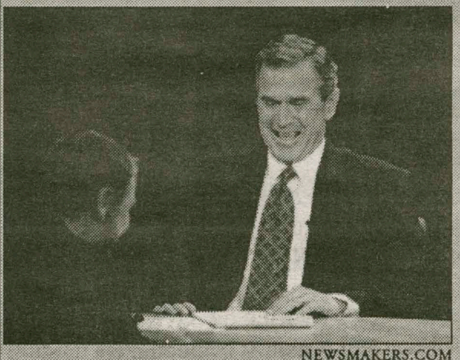
MEDICARE
- supports reforming Medicare so that seniors have access to prescription drugs and modern medicine and have more control over their own health care
- supports a plan that will cover all prescription drug expenses for low-income seniors, the full cost of Medicare premiums for low-income seniors, and at least part of the premium cost for all senior

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM
- supports a comprehensive campaign finance reform, beginning with full disclosure, and has been the only candidate to post all contributions on the Internet when received
- supports the individuals controlling the political process by banning corporations and unions from giving "soft" money to political parties
- supports "paycheck protection" to prevent unions from spending members' dues on politics without their permission

ENVIRONMENT
- supports environmental protection
- supports modernizing the 30-year-old federal model of "mandate, regulate and litigate" because while it has yielded results in the past, it encourages Americans to do the bare minimum to protect the environment and fails to reward innovation or results
- supports returning authority to states and local communities

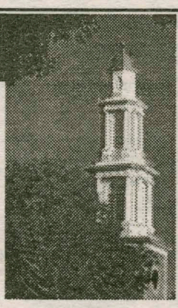
FOREIGN POLICY
- supports the theory that American foreign policy must be more than the management of crisis. It must have a great and guiding goal: to turn this time of American influence into generations of democratic peace. This is accomplished by concentrating on enduring national interests and by resisting the temptation to withdraw from the world

INTERNATIONAL TRADE
- supports expanding free trade within our hemisphere, negotiating other regional and bilateral market-opening agreements, supporting the entry of China and Taiwan into the World Trade Organization, launching an ambitious new round of global trade talks, and enforcing American laws against unfair trade practices



**As November 7th nears, Bush and Gore are stepping up their add campaigns. Young voters play a key role in determining the upcoming election.**

## IVORY TOWERS



THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled By Sarah Karalunas '04

### College community built for elderly

NEWTON, Mass. (AP) — Gertrude Barker comes to Spanish class with her homework tucked in the front cover of her book, extra pens stored in her purse, and her hearing aid turned up to its highest level.

Barker, 83, lives at Lasell Village, a new retirement community on the campus of tiny Lasell College in suburban Boston, where residents are required to take at least 450 hours of classes a year.

Unlike other programs that offer classes for the elderly, "villagers" are enrolled at the 800-student college itself and learn side by side with traditional 18-to-22-year-old students.

"If you're not obligated to be somewhere at a certain time, it's easy — especially when you're my age — to just sit around and say you've paid your dues," Barker said. "But being here makes me feel young again."

Precisely the point, said Paula Panchuck, dean of Lasell Village.

"People here don't want to start a stimulating lifestyle, they want to continue it," she said. "Some may think of retirement as an inactive time, but that's not what these people want."

The concept of putting a retirement community on a college campus has been done before, but enrolling the residents in classes — and holding them accountable for attending — is new, she said.

The idea is for the seniors to truly become life-long learners. Most of the residents were either academics, artists or teachers before retiring and still have the itch not only to learn, but to teach, share and experience as much as they can — while they still can.

### U. Illinois group attempts to halt Eminem concert

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — If one group of University of Illinois students has its way, Assembly Hall will be empty Thursday night.

The controversial rapper Eminem will be part of the visiting "Anger Management Tour" along with hard rock bands Limp Bizkit and Papa Roach.

A group of undergraduate and graduate students of different races, gender and sexual orientations met with University Administration last Wednesday seeking to have the concert canceled.

"I believe this concert is an explicit form of harassment," said Nick Sakurai, sophomore in LAS and organizer of the group. "This is the University profiting from hate masqueraded as entertainment."

Eminem, whose real name is Marshall Mathers, has been under fire recently for lyrics depicting graphic violence toward homosexuals and women.

The students said the concert is in defiance of the University's discrimination policy, Sakurai said in a press conference held Monday night. The students are asking the University to publicly apologize for putting on the concert in the first place.

If the concert is not canceled, they are asking that a significant part of the proceeds of the concert go to University offices or groups which serve women and homosexuals. canceling the concert. He added the group is planning legal action against the University, possibly in the form of an injunction to stop the concert.

### Study: college marijuana use growing

BOSTON (AP) — Northeastern University junior Robert Devaney says many of his fellow students have trouble buying beer at nearby bars — but no problem getting marijuana.

"It's the alternative to drinking," Devaney said Monday. "To get alcohol, someone is going to make sure you're of age, whereas marijuana is easily available. I would definitely say it's a big problem on campus."

Marijuana use among college students rose 22 percent between 1993 and 1999, according to a study released this week by the Harvard School of Public Health.

The research was based on the responses of more that 14,000 students selected randomly from 119 four-year colleges in 40 states.

Marijuana use was highest at colleges in the Northeast and lowest in Southern colleges. It was also highest at colleges classified as "very competitive," and lowest at those considered "not competitive."

## WORLD NEWS

Compiled By Sarah Karalunas '04

### Fat soldiers can sue for bonuses

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Thousands of former military men and women kicked out of the armed forces for being too fat or out of shape can sue the Pentagon for taking back their enlistment bonuses.

A federal judge ruled last week that a lawsuit filed by three people who say the Pentagon illegally took back their bonuses can be expanded to a class-action suit.

Many of the 20,000 people discharged for obesity from the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force between 1992 and 1995 lost all or part of the money they received when they signed up, plaintiffs' lawyer Michael Feldman said.

The money amounts to thousands of dollars for many of the plaintiffs, and as many as 5,000 to 10,000 people could join in the lawsuit, he said.

Each branch of the military has its own weight and fitness guidelines.

The Justice Department lawyer assigned to the case did not immediately return a call for comment Monday.

### Pranks, skits lead to violence

(AP) - A 12-year-old boy was killed in a shooting over a Halloween egg fight, several women were burned when their costumes caught fire and two teens were injured in accidental hangings staged as part of Halloween skits.

AP

**Police use tear gas to try to control unruly Halloween crowds.**

And in Minneapolis, a 49-year-old man was arrested for allegedly giving trick or treaters candy bars containing pins. Police said a 14-year-old bit into one of the bars and was stuck by a pin, but did not require medical attention, and officers recovered seven candy bars containing pins from other children.

The man, whose name was not released, was arrested on suspicion of altering packaged goods.

A 14-year-old boy in Atlanta shot and killed a 12-year-old boy because he was angry about being struck in a Halloween egg fight, police said. The boys' names were not released.

The older boy was charged with murder. Police said he was hit by an egg Tuesday evening when he walked past children taking part in a fight that is a neighborhood Halloween tradition.

Six women were burned at a Halloween party in Bellevue, Wash., when their costumes caught fire. One, a 76-year-old woman, was hospitalized in critical condition.

Fire Battalion Chief Warren Merritt said the six women had been standing around a fire in a pot of alcohol when someone apparently poured in more alcohol and the fire flared up.

### Lame duck highlights

WASHINGTON (AP) — A highlight of previous lame-duck congressional sessions from 1935 to present:

Shortest lame-duck session:

Dec. 31, 1948: Lawmakers met for just over an hour to formally conclude the 80th Congress. Lawmakers had left open the option of reconvening when President Truman railed against them as the "do-nothing Congress" and ordered a special session from July 27 to Aug. 7.

Longest lame-duck sessions:

Nov. 16, 1970-Jan. 2, 1971: Congress returned to complete a long list of important bills. President Nixon called it a "major failure." Lawmakers adjourned less than 24 hours before the constitutional deadline of noon, Jan. 3, when the new Congress convened.

Nov. 27, 1950-January 2, 1951: Congress stayed in session during the critical moments of the Korean War. It adjourned the day before the 82nd Congress convened.

Lame-duck sessions in which only one chamber returned:

Nov. 8-Dec. 2, 1954: The Senate reconvened to hold hearings to censure Sen. Joseph McCarthy for improprieties during his investigations of communists and alleged communist sympathizers holding government jobs.

Dec. 19, 1998: A lengthy one-day session during which the House debated and voted to impeach President Clinton on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice.

## NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled By Sarah Karalunas '04

### Banned film to be seen in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Banned by former dictator Suharto for its graphic depiction of his tumultuous and bloody rise to power in the 1960s, "The Year of Living Dangerously" is set to be screened in Indonesia for the first time.

The movie will be shown at the Jakarta International Film Festival on Nov. 8, organizers said Monday. Indonesia's formerly strict censorship board has indicated it will not prevent the screening, festival head Natacha Devillers said Monday.

Set amid rising political tensions, extreme poverty and violent demonstrations, the story centers around the ouster of founding President Sukarno in 1965 and the subsequent killing of hundreds of thousands of suspected communists.

Based on a novel written by Australian author Christopher Koch, the film focuses on foreign journalists covering the turmoil. It stars Mel Gibson, Sigourney Weaver and Linda Hunt, who won an Oscar for her gender-bending portrayal of a cameraman with a social conscience.

The government objected to the movie even before filming started in 1983, and director Peter Weir shot it in his native Australia and the Philippines

Devillers said Indonesian censors had relaxed their strict rules since Suharto was forced from office in May 1998 after 32 years of autocratic rule.

### British man breaks escape record

LONDON (AP) — A British magician marked the 74th anniversary of escape artist Harry Houdini's death Tuesday by breaking his own world record for escaping from a straitjacket.

Suspended upside down 18 feet above Trafalgar Square, Shahid Malik freed himself from the jacket in 40 seconds, five seconds faster than his previous record.

Malik, who was sponsored by an Internet bank, scattered $750 worth of five-pound notes over onlookers as he broke free of the jacket's restraining belts.

"It feels fantastic," Malik, 46, said afterward. "It's very easy to have a glitch in your technique and that adds five or six seconds, so it's all gone."

Malik said no trickery was involved.

"I train very hard mentally and physically," he said. "When I work, I have to forget about everything and block out all the noise and just think as fast as possible."

### Japanese adding technique survives

KYOTO, Japan (AP) — The contestants sit hunched over bare tables, some in sweatshirts, some in neckties. A small audience watches quietly, while judges pace the floor in wait for a response.

AP

**Participant in the "Anzan," or "mental calculation," contest.**

Suddenly, a teenager's hand shoots up and a shout breaks the silence. "Done!" he calls out, and passes his answer sheet to a moderator.

Within seconds, Hiroaki Tsuchiya has multiplied — in his head — a list of numbers that would make an accountant's head spin. How does he do it? On an imaginary abacus, just as merchants, students and others have done throughout Asia for centuries.

Today, despite computers and calculators, the technique survives as a strenuous workout for the brain. Teachers say almost anyone can master it if they start young, although it takes hours of practice, mental dexterity and Herculean powers of concentration.

"If you space out, you lose," said Tsuchiya, who at age 13 recently became the youngest winner of a Kyoto tournament where Japan's best mental mathematicians display their amazing feats.

Tsuchiya, for example, takes only a few moments to solve a problem like 992.587318 divided by 5,647.723. And he has to go to the final digit of the answer: 0.17575000013279688115015555826658.

Called "anzan," which translates roughly as "mental calculation," the technique springs from an age when the easiest way to work with large numbers was to use an abacus, a manual calculator introduced to Japan from China in the 1500s.

But skilled abacus users often find it easier to just imagine the beads rather than physically move them.

This is anzan, and those who master it can work faster than a clerk on an adding machine.

# Editorial

As we prepare to head to the polls this Tuesday, America is unsure as to who will win the presidential election, as polls show Governor George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore neck and neck.

With the race being so tight many segments of the population could determine who becomes the next President of the United States. More and more the one group that the political experts seem to be pointing to as being the key to winning this election are young voters. Yes, that group that is so often ignored in politics; the group that many political analysts feel is apathetic with regards to politics; and the group that older generations fear for their knowledge of the political system.

These stereotypes that political analysts and the general population has stuck on our generation are untrue. In fact, a recent Hamilton College/Zogby International poll concluded that young Americans are not apathetic about politics, rather they are alienated. Young Americans want to get involved in politics, but politicians do not actively involve them. Recently, the two major candidates for President made appearances on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, this was the first time that these two figures stepped into a forum that appeals to young voters. Considering how young Americans could determine the election, this should have been done earlier, but the two candidates ignored the issue. In fact, they were both invited to debate on *WWF Smackdown*, one of the most highly watched cable television shows among young Americans, but they turned the offer down.

In the Hamilton/Zogby poll young Americans were asked which politicians they most admire. At the top of the list were President Clinton and Jesse Ventura. It is no coincidence that these two names were among the most commonly mentioned because these two politicians have involved young voters. Clinton is a trailblazer when it comes to reaching out to young voters. When he ran for President in 1992, he made appearances on MTV and *The Arsenio Hall Show*. On MTV Clinton specifically answered questions about the issues that concerned young voters, while on *The Arsenio Hall Show* he joked about a speech he had given that was labeled boring by the media. Ventura's popularity stems from the fact that he is outspoken about issues and he is a former World Wrestling Federation star. These two political figures appealed to young voters because they addressed the issues young voters are concerned about, namely education and social security.

Reaching out to young voters may be the key in this election. However, it seems as though it took political analysts too long to figure this out. The Gore campaign realized just last week how important young voters are when they dispatched officials to colleges and universities across the nation. The officials were sent to urge young voters to vote for Gore and not Independent hopeful Ralph Nader, who Gore officials fear could ruin the vice-president's chances of winning the election. In fact, young voters support Nader at a rate of almost two times more that of the general population. High support for Nader, 12% of young Americans support him, does not mean that the youth of American are disenchanted with the current system, rather they are looking for people who address the issues that are important to them.

While many young Americans feel as though their vote does not make a difference, they are wrong, as they could be the determining factor in who takes the oath of office on the steps of the Capitol this January.

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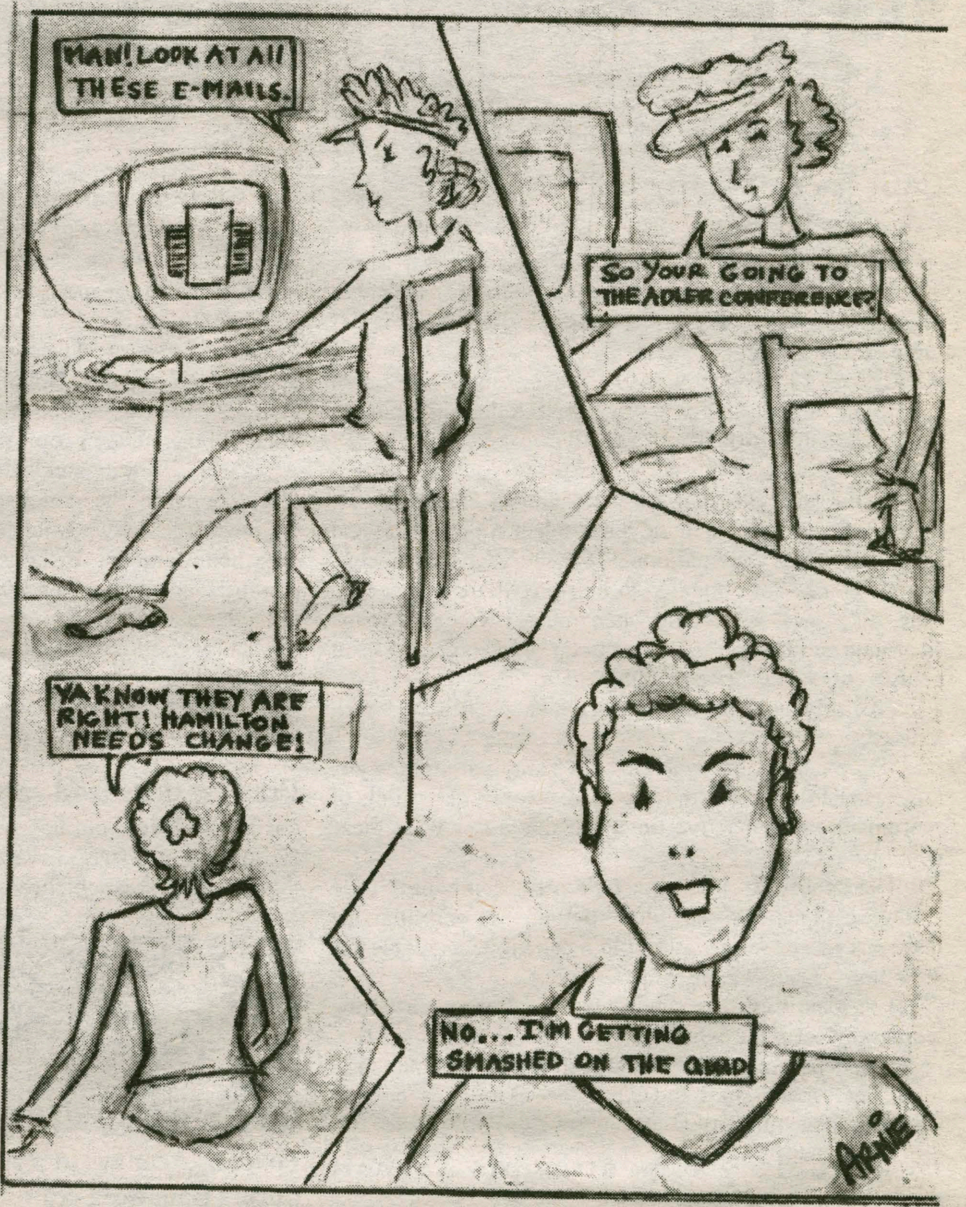


# Letters

To the Editor:

Some students seem to be annoyed that they are not being treated like adults. Well. Most Hamilton students, certainly the ones I know personally, are intelligent young people doing things worth a lot of respect. They are involved in HAVOC, in Untitled at Large, in their senior projects, in college Democrats or Republicans or Greens, and so on. They don't have the time or the interest to throw tantrums about their "right" to drink bad beer, much less to physically assault someone over the issue.

In which case I'm addressing a loud minority: you want to be treated like adults? OK – adults take personal responsibility for their actions. They don't go whining for Mommy College to clean up after they've puked, to make sure they get home safely from the bars, or to help them break the law and then protect them from the consequences. Federal and state laws have set the drinking age at 21 since 1986. The existence of federal law seems to be news to some of you, but that's the reality. The college will not, cannot, help you break the law. This isn't a conspiracy against you by the administration or the professors or anyone else – it's the way responsible adults function in civil society.

You don't like the law? Here's what real adults do when they are displeased with the legal system in this great democracy of ours. They organize; they write to their senators and representatives; they contact other student organizations across the country to coordinate a national movement; they vote and they let their congressmen know that they vote. They do not pretend that their personal desires for pleasure are equivalent to protest movements against war, racism, and poverty. They do not gloat about utterly pointless demonstrations against an administration that cannot change the situation. They do not assault people, especially from behind and without provocation. The coward who did that is beneath contempt – I hope he is arrested and expelled as soon as possible. You will be treated like adults when you start acting like adults. Just ask some of your peers who've managed to make the transition.

Shoshana Keller
Department of History

To the Editor,

I am writing to exhibit the disgust I feel with the misinterpretation of the events from the 99% peaceful gathering that took place two Fridays ago. The article mentions "one security guard was hit in the back of the head with a bottle and a Kirkland Police Department car was assaulted with beer cans."

I am not sure who Mr. Gormley received his information from, but he was grossly misinformed of the truth. I was at the demonstration, met with the administration during the process, and have talked to members of campus safety about the events.

The campus safety officer was not hit in the back of the head with a bottle, he was struck by an empty beer can in the back. Also, there was not an assault on the KPD car by multiple beer cans, there was only one empty beer can thrown at the trunk of the car, and no one was in danger of being struck.

While I realize the violence was a problem and don't agree with the actions of these select few, I feel that the exaggeration of the violence is just as big of a crime as the acts themselves. Every student knows this care

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# Insight & Ideas

## A view from abroad: The real deal in the Middle East

I was recently asked by members of *The Spectator* staff for my opinion on the last month of violence that has taken place in the Palestinian territories.

I am currently enrolled in the school for International Training's Middle Eastern Peace and Conflict Studies Program.

Our program was originally a semester-long symposium on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict to be conducted in Jordan, Israel, and the West Bank. A week after leaving Jordan and coming to Jerusalem, the program was moved from Jerusalem to Geneva, where I currently am living as a result of the violence.

*JOSEPH LIVINGSTON*

While I was definitely not in the crossfire of Israeli bullets or Palestinian rocks, I have spent enough time in the region talking to people and studying the topic to have some strong opinions. When I decided to write this article, I decided two things. First, I wanted to write an opinion column because I am too involved and too unbiased right now to be objective enough to call my opinions fact. Second, I wanted to write an article that would discuss some aspects of the topic that the general media doesn't focus on as much. There are four things I would like to touch upon: the role of the media in the conflict, the realities of the conflict for people in Israel and Palestine, where the blame should fall for the conflict, and my hopes for what should happen in the region.

It turns out that in what is sleuth of constant and explicit media coverage of the Middle Eastern conflict, there is really not a whole lot of coverage about the media's role itself. Maybe its not as interesting as showing bloody bodies or running Palestinians. Or perhaps the media doesn't want to let everyone in on the big secret: Every journalist loves covering the conflict. Of course, I would also love to stay at the King David hotel in Jerusalem (the Middle Eastern equivalent of the Plaza hotel), have a gourmet breakfast, and then go out to watch the latest set of riots.

Oh but that is naïve; these people are risking their lives to show the public the atrocities and the realities of the day. Right? Well, not exactly. First of all, although the media may be close to the conflict, they are not in the same kind of jeopardy as they would be in most other regional or ethnic conflicts for the very reason that they are not targets and the victims of these conflicts are almost entirely targeted or not neutral.

Furthermore the Palestinians are usually quite interested in having their protest and rebellion photographed; after all, anyone with a cause wants an avenue to promote it publicly, and your CNN reporter will do just fine for that. I observed many cars outside the major hotels with the markings "TV" placed in masking tape all along the vehicles because this assured almost complete protection from any attacks as these cars drove through the West Bank.

So, Palestinians are not going to show aggression towards the white journalists and they are unlikely to mistake the photographer in a t-shirt for the soldier in fatigues carrying an oozi.

And from the Israeli standpoint, you can be pretty sure that Israelis are going to be extremely cautious to avoid injuring or killing a journalist because even if they are not so careful with the lives of Palestinian youth, well it's a whole other ball game to kill a Western reporter.

Many demonstrations are extremely organized. People know when they will happen, when the rocks will start being thrown, how the Israelis will respond, and the media too knows where to stand and how to avert harm's way.

The other issue with the media is they are quite sensational by and large in their reporting. Its one thing to be biased (which of course the media is), but it is another thing to avoid in depth commentary. Most people in America who follow the conflict may be able to tell you how many have died, what cities the conflicts have taken place in, and perhaps a few smaller case studies of hardships and suffering. But ask someone a simple question: "Why are Palestinian youth throwing rocks at Israeli soldiers?" and who knows the answer you might get. Perhaps something simple and untelling like, "Well, they are angry," or "Because Mr.Arafat is telling them to be violent."

The Western media is often irresponsible on the conflict, and they cater to a picture-and sound byte-obsessed audience. In my opinion, their coverage also contributes to escalating the conflict and enhancing emotions on the conflict. I remember people in Israel after Yom Kipur waiting with such suspense for the resumption of the television broadcasts after the holiday.

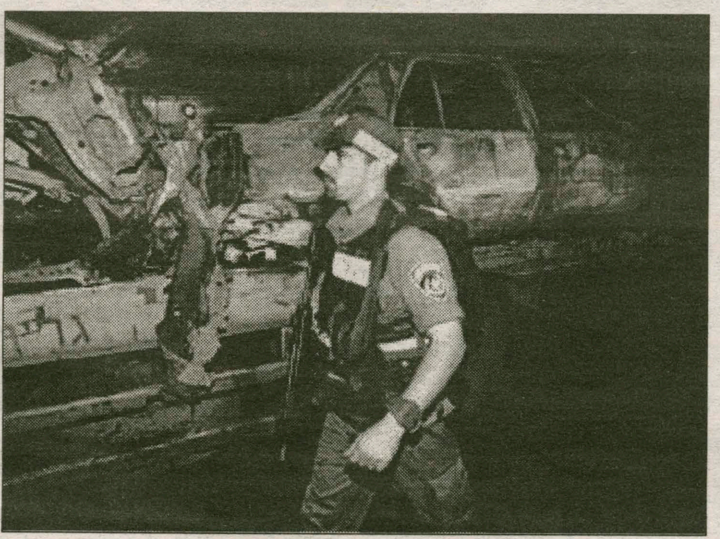
I remember being in the Orient House (the unofficial Palestinian seat of government in Jerusalem) seeing the pictures of the 12-year-old boy who was shot in Gaza (the latest poster child for rebellion at the time) plastered around the room.

I am not saying that the media should not cover what is an important issue, but they should not simply include the fast and easy shots and sounds. They must cover issues responsibly and at times with more discretion as to how their coverage will influence people in the conflict.

The second thing I wanted to discuss was the realities of living during the conflict. There were obvious signs to me in West Jerusalem (the Jewish section of Jerusalem) that things were somewhat out of the ordinary. I saw smoke coming in billows off in the distance on a few occasions (a sign of burning tires). In the disputed old city, I saw cars coming from the West Bank with completely smashed-in windows going to register complaints to the Police Department.

On one trip to an Israeli settlement on the North Eastern part of Jerusalem, I heard gunfire coming from the distance. I saw Israeli soldiers on many street corners in somewhat ready positions.

I saw one peace protest and one right wing demonstration. Now this may seem like quite a stressful situation, but I should tell you what I else I saw. I saw people shopping, eating, talking, walking, driving, and going about their daily business as if it was an ordinary day. And why should Israelis conduct there lives any differently?



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**An Israeli police officer guards wreckages from the site where a car bomb exploded near the Mahane Yehuda market killing two people in Jerusalem yesterday.**

The threat of warfare in Jewish West Jerusalem is about as likely as a gang war in South Central LA spreading to Beverly Hills. The spatial organization of the fighting that occurs is well understood by those living in the region.

I would say the biggest fear people have is of terrorism and it has been over 4 years since the last major terrorist attack on Israel so that is a tough fear to have control your life. Israelis, whether secretly nervous or not, still ride the same bus lines and frequent the same public areas that were the sites of major terrorist attacks in 1996.

For Palestians, I can not exactly say how life has been affected since I did not get to spend much time in the West Bank. I imagine however that the reality of the situation is much more concrete in their daily lives. Mothers worry about whether their sons will protest through the throwing of rocks and possibly then get shot by Israeli soldiers. Palestinians worry about how they will make a living when Israel decides to barricade roads necessary to get to jobs. Or what happens when Israel diverts even more water and resources away from an area already suffocating from such practices?

Palestinians face a reality of actually seeing and feeling the effects of conflict on their own land, whereas for the most part the greatest realities for Israelis are that of the unknown, possibilities of Israeli soldiers being killed or injured, and the somewhat remote prospect of being personally affected by terrorism.

Both sides live in fear and with the stress of war, but for the Palestinians it is a harsher, more advanced reality. So the question on everyone's mind: Whose is at fault for this mess anyway? Is it Ariel Sharon, the Likud party hawk who so brilliantly decided to declare his and every other Jew's right to step onto the Temple Mount, albeit with a few thousand soldiers?

Is it the fault of Yassir Arafat, who so obviously can stop all of the rock throwing and all the emotions of an oppressed population by simply snapping his finger? Maybe it is Barak's fault for infusing high emotions on the Israeli side by moving too far and too fast in the peace process. Perhaps the Israeli soldiers are simply irresponsible, and maybe, come to think of it, the parents of stone throwing Palestinian youth are just as reckless.

The way I see it, everyone involved in violent conflict at the ground level is at part responsible and everyone at the government level who doesn't do everything in their power to achieve peace is also a part of the problem. But then the question looms, "Well then why don't they just work together and make peace?"

Unfortunately, the problem is too complicated, too emotional, and at some level not important enough yet on either side for peace to be the most viable solution. Israel is still committed to allowing settlers to inhabit many areas of the West Bank, limiting the chances for a sovereign contiguous Palestinian state.

Israelis and the Palestinian Authority are not ready to make major compromises on the sacred area of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Religious forces have lots of control on this matter. The historical memories of Jews not being able to pray at the Western wall plays heavily on the mind of Jews and Israelis.

To Palestinians, this is sacred land that Israel illegally captured in 1967 from Jordan. Right now, the priority is not yet peace, but rather it is land, ideology, and commitment to long held and fervently held nationalistic ideals on both sides. So what will happen? Will this beautiful area, this land filled with so much history, and so meaningful to so many people, slip into even more years of bloody conflict? Will Jerusalem, whose very name means city of peace ever have merit for its title? Nobody really knows.

I believe that someday as the generations pass and as historical wrongdoings are removed by many years, and unfortunately perhaps with the deaths and injuries of many more people, there will be a time when people put the ideology of peace, survival, and normalcy above their current stubbornness.

I believe that the only solution is to have a sovereign Palestinian state co-existing beside an Israeli one, with Jerusalem as a jointly governed or internationally governed city. I believe that Palestinians and Jews should have the right to freely live in either state as all people should. But, this is a long way off and any prospects on Jerusalem peace proposals are immediately invalidated by hoards of opponents.

We will all have to wait, see, hope, and pray for a favourable outcome here, and mostly try to remain optimistic and rational about a region of the world that usually does not inspire such reactions.

# The 1960's, the First Ammendment, and Hamilton

Regarding the onslaught of e-mails that this campus received in the beginning of the week, I must say , I was both excited and disappointed. I can't help feel, not annoyed, but upset that individuals involved in a protest against a school that has lost the concept of communication with its student body, are called "Whiny, nasty, self-righteous overprivileged brats".

## NED MARCALUS

Many students out on the quad that day are valuable and respected members of this campus. They value not the "guzzling of beer" but more the right to be treated like the adults they are. Ok, all of you critics will say that if you want to be treated like adults, act like adults. And we have, but no one had responded to us.

I am sick of hearing that there is a better way of dealing with the problem, because students have been trying to find a better way since the end of August. Seriously, how many more articles does the administration want to see? Articulate members of this campus have refused to shackle themselves to this confrontation and have been attempting to express themselves for the last couple of months in the most civil way they know possible.

The issues of the 60's and their protests are not what we are talking about, so let's get that notion out of everyone's heads. I know it is difficult for baby boomers to drop this old rallying point of their generation; Woodstock. But Pete Townsend of *The Who* said it best, when he wrote "meet the new boss, same as the old boss." Probably the best thing that ever happened to Woodstock was when Townsend nearly took off Abby Hoffman's head with his Gibson guitar.

So to everyone who feels there are more important things to protest, I agree. I'd like to be protesting against proposed legislation to dismantle our 2nd Amendment rights, but without any open discourse for my views, I would be declared a gun-toting lunatic.

These misconceived notions are the same things that the baby boomer generation fought against during the Vietnam War, and now they find themselves guilty of the same thing. This reeks of hypocrisy.

However, this is irrelevant, the point we are trying to make is a domestic issue between students and the administration. We are not happy about social policies, and we want to do something about it.

So answering to the 1960's analogy, I want to say we have never tried to replicate your failed revolution. The point is that the school has deceived us; students at the end of the spring semester were told they would have a say in the social policies of this campus.

However, when classes reconvened at the beginning of the year, all we found were false promises of the administration. I will go back to the basic demands one more time, individual action needs to be stressed, not this ridiculous notion that a whole group should be held responsible for someone else's actions. Threatening someone's academic career because they have signed a social form that holds them responsible for someone else's irresponsible behavior is a rule that Hamilton should be ashamed of writing up.

I really wonder if the Trial Lawyers of America have successfully brainwashed our campus as they have our country, making us think that individual actions is just another archaic concept.

You laugh, but I am probably not far off the note, our personal freedoms are limited because everyone is afraid that they will be held responsible for the actions of someone else.

What is even more alarming is our beloved Hamilton has not taken the appropriate steps to supercede these unfortunate practices of the outside world. If the motivation of the school was to put a momentary delay on the social options of this campus, I have to say congratulations, you have won, but only for a short time.

Most students see through this, and we have already overcome this barricade in the road. On a better note, I do not have a personal vendetta against anyone who wrote those e-mails criticizing the Friday afternoon gathering. I just feel they do not see the broad picture of why students have done what they have done.

To set the score straight, from the beginning it was made clear to Head of Security Pat Ingalls and the two security guards no disrespect was intended towards them. I just hope that the three members of the administration, Bryan McGrath, Pat Ingalls and Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz, who met with myself and five other students that day, let it be known that there was a productive dialect of respect and accomplishment held between us.

They heard what we had to say, and at the time they agreed with our concerns. As soon as we had been heard, students voluntarily left the quad. I respect everyone's opinions, as I hope everyone will respect mine.

We students do not envision a replica of the 1968 Democratic National Convention, or a march against world hunger. The dispute we have is purely domestic, a Hamilton College who listens to its most valuable resource, the students. Never do we doubt the school in any other way, except socially. I, as most other students, have complete faith in the faculty and the education we are receiving, because it rivals a education to any other top tier school in the country.

All we ask is have faith in us, you should trust us because we trust ourselves. Relax the social policies and you'll have a satisfied student body. On this note regarding the anger over some of the e-mails received this week, let's bury the hatchet; we are too small of a community to be upset over someone else's reactions, respect the fact that everyone has a right to their opinions even if their opinion bothers us. Viva la Hamilton!

# My take opinion on Diamond, Ernstrom and Gormley

In response to the question directed at the Hamilton community, "It has been suggested by some that the reason why no one cares enough about this issue to write a letter is that the incident involved minority students. Does this mean that if it were a white girl who was struck that the Hamilton Community would have responded?" from Greg Ernstrom's article *An Oppressive Silence*, my answer is "No."

## ALLISON SCOTT

No, if it were a white female who was struck in the head would the campus care more. No, if it were a white male who struck any female would the campus care more. The issue is not that people on the campus do not care. It is that they are too scared to say that they do.

No one wants to be called a rascist. Especially Hamilton's administration. In W.J. Gormley's letter to the Editor defending his news article on Anthony Diamond's pub incident he was aware of the "underlying subtext" of a letter written in the preceeding week by Redell Armstrong and company.

This underlying context that Gormley was talking about is racism. I can understand the authors of that letter being upset that their close friend was publized in such a negative light. But nothing in the article was not a fact. *The Spectator* is a news organization that is very committed to not making mistakes or seeming prejudice to one side or another.

The article on Anthony's action had nothing to do with him being a minority student on campus. If he was some other student, say a white male who was a member of the golf team, the news coverage would have been the same—all facts relavent to his case would have been disclosed in the same manner they were with Anthony.

It disgusts me to see that the only opinion shared with Hamilton reguarding this incident was in defense of Anthony and suggesting that members of the Spectator are racist. We are intelligent people—can we not think as these intelligent people? I am not a minority and I will never know what it is like to be a minority.

But I do know that all of this name-calling and prejudice thinking needs to stop. Why is it that in situations like these it always boils down to race? That is my question to Hamilton —because I have no idea where it comes from.

It is absolutely ridiculous to me that this incident boils down to race. But to be perfectly honest, had it been a pair of white students in the pub that Saturday night, the Spectator would have been overwhelmed with letters because no one would be weary of being called racist.

As both Gormley and Ernstrom said in their articles, this news story has NOTHING to do with race. I knew Anthony personally. I liked him a lot when I met him and considered him my friend.

By the end of last year, however, I was afraid of him NOT because he was a minority but because he was dangerous. He threatened me, he threatened my friends. Shame on you students pointing a racist finger where it does not belong.

Shame on the Hamilton community for tolerating, ingorin,g or fostering racial prejudices. And most of all, shame on Hamilton administration for not taking a stronger stance against not a minority student, but a dangerous student who had a previous record of assult, previously displayed his rage on campus, and had previous complaints made against him for his violent manner.

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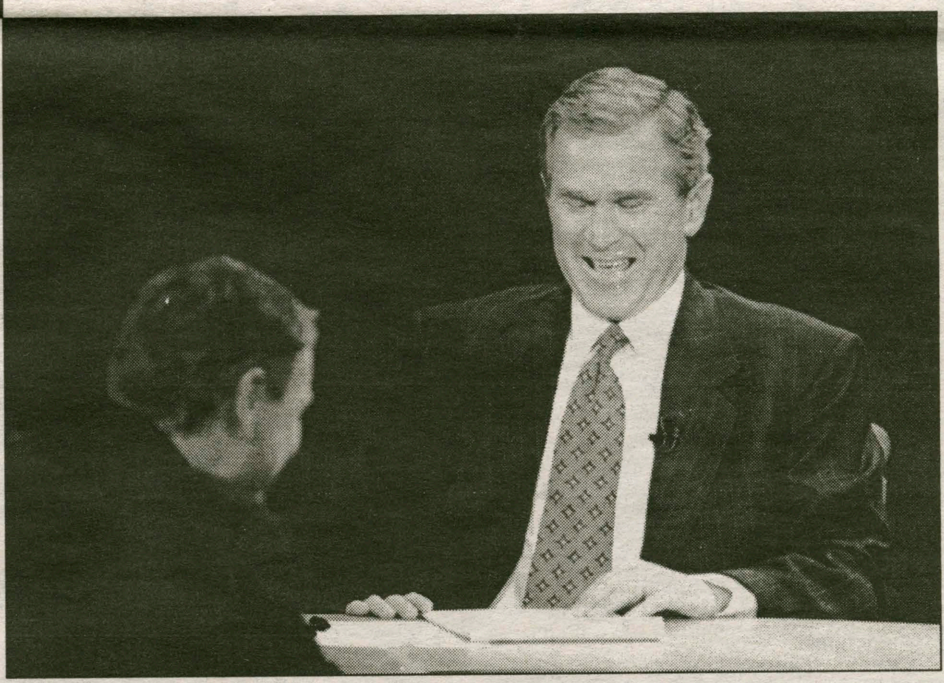

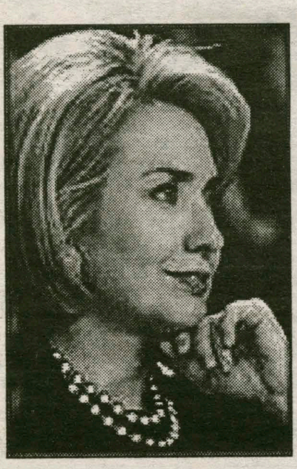

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# The most important things in life

Sometimes we forget what is most important in life. Yesterday I was upset about the all campus emails, tired of irrationality, miscommunication, and frustrated with my inability to fix everything, my inability to make everyone see the truth of the whole situation.

So after my 1 o'clock class I decide to go for a walk instead of going back to my room and doing some work. Walking past Café Opus and seeing students relaxing on the couches and thinking about conversations I've had with professors, it all started to hit me-why I'm really here and what is so good about this school.

I decided to walk through a random dorm; it turned out to be Macintosh. There was a student sleeping in the lounge while the television was running. I thought about how comfortable he must be, wandering through his own world dreaming about life or girls or money or lucky charms, something.

Life gets confusing sometimes and at that time you must remember what it is all about. So I thought about my fun drunken memories, I thought about my fun sober memories. These include streaking, great debates, good concerts, good dance performances, good reading from class.

*SETH O'BRYAN*

The list goes on. I wonder why sometimes we forget to compliment people, compliment our friends on how much we appreciate their company, forget to brag about Hamilton – the classes, the friendships, the ease it is to have a party in your own room, the comfort of the school itself.

As I walked by Keehn, I saw a poster for Ralph Nader, and it was nice to think about how students really care, about real things like the presidential campaign. This is alive on campus, but sometimes we really forget what is most important and most real, and we slip into a world of negative thought.

Now I admit, we have problems, the social life is struggling, underclassmen are struggling to meet new people and have a good time. This is something we need to work on. Students are frustrated with communication with administration. These are definitely things we need to work on and if protesting is the route necessary, so be it.

The thing is, some lines of communication are open and we are not realizing it. I've said it time and time again, we need to come together as a whole student body before we realize change. One problem that does bother me more than most is that this campus is pretty quiet about bigger issues.

I've been afraid to write about it before because I didn't want to offend people with potential miscommunication of my thoughts on the subject, but there is clearly a problem of diversity here, a silent problem. There is a great deal of miscommunication more than anything else.

I was glad to see the letter written by a few students upset about *The Spectator* article about the Pub incident and upset about selection of articles in general. There is a real problem here, something we need to work on, and while certain individuals are working on it, the campus as a whole is avoiding it.

But it seems like some issues the campus is silent about and the other issues such as social programming rules, the voices and complaints are so scattered and misrepresented that in truth the campus is silent. So what do we do? How do we improve things? Before I answer that question, which I've attempted to do in the past, I want to write about a bigger issue.

A real part of the problem is that people don't want to step outside of their comfort zone. Hamilton College has a great comfort zone if you can find your place, and I think the protesting is a result of the zone being disrupted.

At Hamilton, the parties are a huge part of enjoying our time and being content, and the parties had disappeared (although they are coming back), and now we are out of our comfort zone. Students respond differently to that. We need to adjust to the new way of life, find out how to still have fun with alcohol and without, and right now that is a major problem.

At the same time, it shouldn't take outside forces disrupting the comfort zone in order to step out of it. As long as most students are content, they will live their own peaceful lives.

That approach might be right. But there are other issues that we need to deal with and improve if we care about this campus and each other. If protesting brings students together and creates some life on campus, I'm all for it. If students are unhappy, we need to do something about it, something in a productive manner.

But during all of this, take the time to think about what is special about Hamilton, what is special about life. Take a walk through the Glen, go to acoustic coffeehouse, have some people over in your room, stop by a professor's office, do something.

When you've taken that deep breathe, thought about what is most important, and then fight. Fight for your right, whatever it is, but remember that communication and rationality are very important if you want change. We need to work together in a productive manner.

Let's not stop with this one issue, carry it over to others, let's work together to improve this campus as a whole. For we are ignoring so much most of the time. Although, I would like to say that I see many members of Hamilton on all spheres doing so much to improve this school, and to you I say, you are amazing. This school has so much, and I know that sometimes it is easy to forget that. Find your truth.

# THUMBS UP

- The message behind Prof. Isserman's email
- President Tobin
- Winter sports
- The Buffers
- Yodapez
- Nice weather in November

# THUMBS DOWN

- The language used in Prof. Isserman's email
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- Parking tickets
- The Hamiltones
- The abundance of women's basketball coaches (5??)

# LETTERS CONTINUED

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less distortion of the truth that has ignited the mass e-mail events that have taken place this past week.

What people don't know is that after the incident, the campus safety officer was laughing and joking with the few students that remained to help clean up the mess in the quad. I hope that the protest that takes place this Saturday will be absent of the 1% of the previous mentioned population, and the meaningless signs that are irrelevant to the project at hand.

This demonstration needs to be a sober gathering of students who have meaningful grievances and solutions to the problems facing the hill right now.

Jonathan Mason '02

In response to Greg Ernstrom's piece on the Diamond events and controversy: Ernstrom refers to a female student who was hit over the head with a Snapple bottle a few years ago.

His point is dismay that that incident caused such an outcry when the Diamond incident did not. He wonders whether the campus has become apathetic in the interim or worse yet, that a racist indifference is at play in the recent case.

Ernstrom fails to recognize a great difference between these two incidents. The student assaulted some years ago was a coordinator of the Rainbow Alliance who had faced years of harassment at this school. Her attacker made reference to her politics before he knocked her unconscious.

That is, the attack on her was a hate crime that, as with all hate crimes, represented an assault on an entire group of people. Her attacker assaulted everyone at this school living out the variety of sexuality options available to them. Hence the organized outcry at the time, spurred also by judgments that the administration handled the situation poorly at best.

Add to this the mystery of who the perpetrator was (an uncertainty not present in the Diamond case), and we had a volatile situation on our hands. The assault in the Pub this fall, however heinous, was a different sort of crime with a differently charged context. Ernstrom should not infer an apathetic campus from the different responses to these two incidents.

Kirk Pillow
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# Looking back at the past week's email barrage.

**Professor Isserman**

"The crowd was for the most part peaceful but one security guard was hit in the back of the head with a bottle and a Kirkland Police Department car was assaulted with beer cans." — Spectator, October 27, 2000.

Shame on all you of who participated in this stupid, juvenile temper tantrum. Whiny, nasty, self-righteous over-privileged brats. And shame on the Spectator for making it seem like this was some kind of freedom-fighting struggle — "You've got to fight, for your right, to party" — my ass. Throwing punches and beer cans at people who you know aren't going to hit back isn't my idea of a "fight" — it's acting like a bully and a coward. In the real world, people who hit security guards, and throw things at police wind up in jail — or dead. Shame on all of you.

**Erin Kress '03**

Dear Professor Isserman,

Sir, with all due respect to your position and your right to an opinion, I consider sending a mass email to the entire college campus, calling the student body "Whiny, nasty, self-righteous over-privileged brats," including the phrase "my ass," and implying that people who demonstrate in a relatively peaceful manner deserve to die, to be nearly as puerile as the demonstration itself. Shame on you for indulging yourself in such a rant. It was not only rude, but counter-productive. Berating people in such a matter has never accomplished anything, and I regret to think that this display represents a deterioration of productive faculty-student communication at Hamilton.

Sincerely yours,
Erin Kress '03

**Professor Mitchell Stevens**

Hi Debby — and the rest of us:

I understand that sending this e-mail means that I am forfeiting my posting privileges, and I certainly understand that you need to enforce the posting guidelines set forth by appropriate college bodies. I write this all-campus mail to request that you send an all-campus message that would tell us how we should go about seeing if this policy can be changed — so that it can better accommodate legitimate collective discussion. Many of us use the Internet as an important vehicle for issues of campus-wide concern. Given the paucity of public fora that include all of us, the generalized e-mails may be our most viable public square.

Respectfully,
Mitchell Stevens

**Professor Shelley P. Haley**

To the Hamilton Community,

I, like Mitchell Stevens, realize that I am about to lose my campus wide e-mail privileges by sending this message.

It concerns me that there is no medium to discuss an incident that calls into question the integrity of this entire campus community. I find the insensitivity and the lack of historical awareness of the "demonstrators" deeply distressing. However, I find the authoritarianism of ITS absolutely frightening.

How do we go about creating a space accessible to all so that we can discuss matters such as these?

Respectfully,
Shelley P. Haley

**Matt Mathieson '01**

Dear Debby Quayle, David Smallen, President Tobin, and To Whom It May Concern,

I'm sure that by now you've been bombarded with emails regarding the "Isserman Incident" in one way or another. Unfortunately, my email is also a derivative of this issue. Like others, I was wondering as to how we'd be able to report our concerns in a mass emailing format without the fear of "ITS repercussions." I think that it is time for a change.

As a senior, I have dutifully, and willingly participated in the many ITS campuswide surveys regarding network administration and the like. For ITS to deem us "violating policy" in posting our own messages of collegewide importance (in a reciprocal format, I might add) is not only despicable but also hypocritical.

I find it quite disturbing that there is a regulation stating that as Hamiltonians, we are not able to post any opinions in a campuswide format. I have read your policy from head to foot, and think that it is in dire need of revision. The line stating, "These guidelines are not designed to limit free speech but are intended to keep your mail volume at a reasonable level" is a farce. Our server is well within capacity to handle such emailings, but that is besides the point. Free speech at an "All-Hamilton encompassing" level is being quashed. I understand that you (or ITS for that matter) may not be responsible for determining internet/email policy here at Hamilton, but I think there are a few people out there that would be interested in a change in said policy.

I fully understand that my "first time violation will result in the removal of posting (sending) privileges to the mass lists for a period of one month." That's fine by me, I don't like talking to most of you anyways.

Disrespectfully yours,
Matt Mathieson '01 (maybe '02 after this message)
P.S.: As a caveat to David Smallen, your "new approach" plan to be unveiled tomorrow better be good...

**Scott Nussbaum '01**

This is written in response to the recent characterization of Hamilton students as "whiny, self-righteous, overpriveleged brats." With regret we must now add to the glut of irresponsible nuisance e-mails addressed to the campus at large. Prof. Isserman's hasty uninformed depiction of Hamilton college students ignores the high price we paid to come here, the high standards we continually meet achieve, and the failure of the school to realize its promise to us.

Most Hamilton College students are "middle-class," (whatever that means). Besides the continuing sizeable donations through which wealthy Trustees and Alums exercise fiscal control, Hamilton is financially sustained by the planning and sacrifice of its students' parents. To the credit of the school, many of us receive need-based aid, while others have won scholarships throught talent and hard work. Resting on student ability and initiative, this harassing beaureaucracy is only sustained through our continued indifference to its program.

We the students are the underclass. We are patronized by a hypocritical authoritarian Administration; disregarded by uncaring Trustees fixated on the rankings. We are beset by ever-increasing tuition, parking ticket extortion, and a stagnant social life — all for the power and glory of the Trustees.

In the absence of an over-arching cause (i.e. the Civil Rights Movement or Vietnam War Protests), we the students must act in our own interests, or no one else will. The material and idealogical costs of inaction far outweigh those of protest, even when the cause is personal rather than altruistic. While struggles external to Hamilton are valid and worthy, they cannot have the same immediacy for us, especially without cable. Those that castigate us for our failure to embrace global causes are merely attempting to distract us from the exploitation of our intellectual capital and our physical confinement to dorms on saturday night.

Degradation of student rights cannot be lumped under the disparaging umbrella of petty selfishness. Historically, upheaval occurs when a group with rising expectations confronts a glass ceiling of oppression; in this case while historians have interpreted our cries for civil liberty negatively, we the students demand change.

Students of Hamilton Unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains!

liberte, egalite, fraternite!

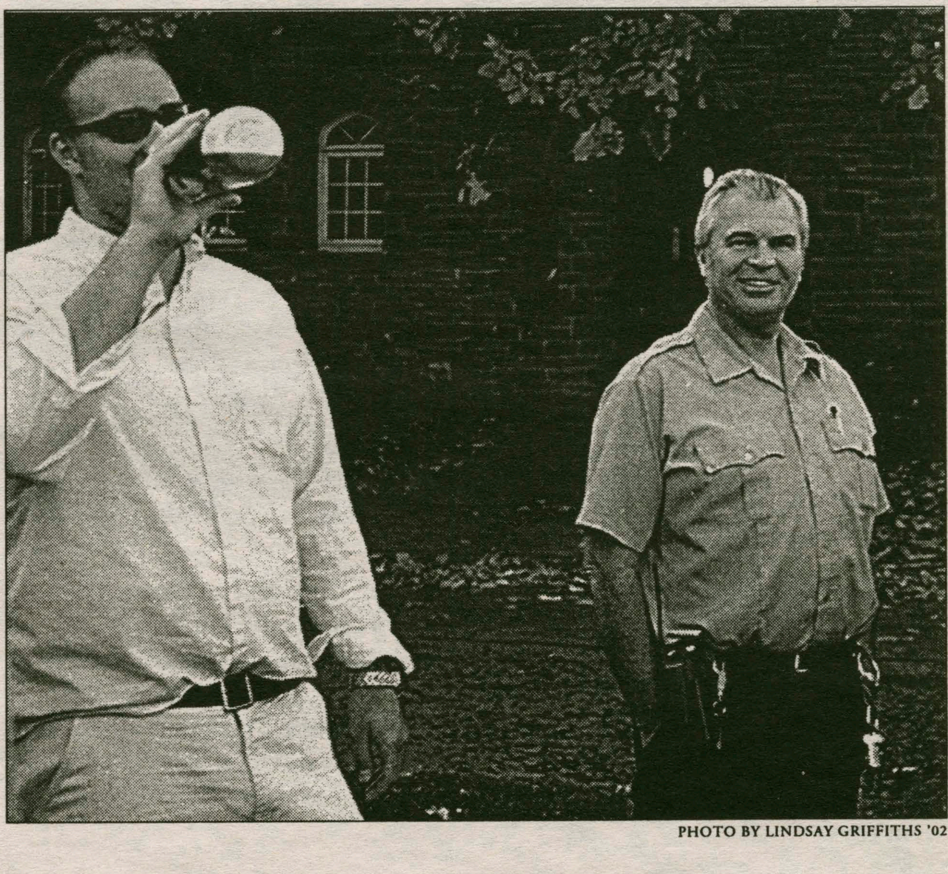
As long as there is a lower class, I am in it, as long as there is a criminal element, I am of it, as long as there is a soul in prison, I am not free.
and finally, Live free or die!
Charlie M. ,Fred E. and Gene D.

**Danielle A. Sarubin '03**

To the Hamilton Community-

I think, perhaps, that many of those who have responded to the ciculation of emails spawned by Isserman's reproaches have missed the point. I am quite surprised that at a college where censorship itself is censored and condemned and where people are encouraged to utilize the freedoms into which we have all been born, we have now been made to feel that perhaps our use of those basic freedoms is somehow wrong. While I do not condone the use of violence (throwing beer bottles) in trying to express our feelings,I certainly think that instead of insulting us and attempting to squash any sort of protest, those with the power to do so should in fact be lauding our desire to make a difference in the community, whether or not it is a difference with which we all agree.

Sincerely,
Danielle A. Sarubin



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# Science in the News

## First Ebola outbreak since 1996 occurs in Uganda

by Emily Scursso '02
*CONTRIBUTING WRITER*

Straight from a scene reminiscent of Richard Preston's novel *Hot Zone*, the deadly and highly infectious disease Ebola is currently terrorizing parts of Uganda. As of October 28, the death toll from the outbreak stood at 68 and hundreds more have been infected. Ebola is a disease that induces hemorrhaging and slowly kills its victims. Right now, experts from the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Doctors Without Borders are in Uganda helping Ugandan authorities attempt to contain the disease.

In Uganda, Ebola's path has been traced to Esther Awete, a 36-year-old mother who was found dead in her round, gray mud hut by her mother and sister on September 7. In keeping with local tradition, family members and friends kept Awete's body in her hut for two days so all could take part in her funeral. They conducted a ritual bath and buried her less than 30 feet from where she had died, then washed their hands in a communal basin as a sign of unity.

Now, the virus has spread across a 15-mile radius, killing 68 people and infecting as many as 191 others. Among the dead are Awete's mother, three sisters, and three other relatives. So far, Awete is the first person known to have contracted Ebola in Uganda.

Ebola first emerged in 1976 when the deadly virus killed hundreds in Congo (formally Zaire) and Sudan. The virus takes it name from the Ebola River in northern Zaire, were it first emerged. Since then, Ebola has terrorized Gabon, the Ivory Coast, Reston, Virginia, and now Uganda.

The Ebola virus is very unique; the only other virus that closely resembles it is the Marburg virus, which was discovered in 1967. Ebola and the Marburg are the only two members of a family of RNA (ribonucleic acid) viruses known as filoviruses.

*Ebola Sudan, the strain of the virus that is currently in Uganda, is related to the Reston strain of Ebola, a version of the virus that experienced an outbreak in Reston, Virginia in 1989.*

Viewed through an electron microscope, the Ebola virus appears as a long filament, sometimes branched or intertwined. The virus particle contains one molecule of noninfectious, single-stranded RNA. It is not known how the Ebola virus attacks cells. However, it has been postulated that the virus produces proteins that suppress the immune system. This allows reproduction of the virus to go unhindered.

Four subtypes of the Ebola virus have been identified so far: Ebola-Zaire, Ebola-Sudan, Ebola-Ivory Coast, and Ebola-Reston. The strain of the virus affecting Uganda has been identified as Ebola-Sudan. In 1989, Reston, Virginia experienced an outbreak of Ebola among laboratory monkeys. Fortunately, Ebola-Reston is the only known strain that does not cause disease in humans.

The Ebola virus is highly contagious and can take up to sixteen days to incubate. During this period the patient is not contagious, but once the first flu-like symptoms develop, the patient can transmit the virus.

The signs and symptoms of Ebola are not the same for all patients. The onset of the virus is sudden and harsh. Those infected with the virus develop fever, severe headaches, muscle aches, and loss of appetite. Within a few days, the virus causes a condition known as disseminated intravascular coagulation, which is marked by both blood clots and hemorrhaging. In the case of the Ebola virus, clots are concentrated in the liver, spleen, brain, and other internal organs. This condition forces capillaries to bleed into surrounding tissue. Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea with blood and mucus, conjunctivitis and sore throat soon follow. Discolored elevations of the skin appear on the trunk of the patient and quickly spread to the limbs and head.

*Currently there is no cure for the Ebola virus. Therapy for Ebola patients consists of maintenance of fluid and electrolyte balance.*

The victim is then beset by spontaneous bleeding from body orifices and any breaks in the skin and within the gastrointestinal tract and internal organs. Blood and other bodily fluids also begin seeping through the skin, producing painful blisters. A few days later, the victim bleeds out through the nose, mouth, and eyes. Victims rarely die as a result of the massive blood loss that occurs. Shock, renal failure, nervous system malfunction, coma, delirium, or seizures usually bring about death within eight to seventeen days. Fatality rates range from 50 to 90 percent.

The victim is most contagious during the final stages of the disease and for a short time after death. The virus is transmitted through contact with infected blood, semen, body fluids, and possibly urine and respiratory secretions. Unsanitary conditions and lack of adequate medical supplies have been a factor in the spread of the disease.

Humans do not "carry" the virus. Rodents and arthropods typically carry viral hemorrhagic fevers like Ebola. However, the natural reservoir for the Ebola virus has yet to be discovered. Researchers have hypothesized that the first victim becomes infected through contact with an infected animal. The virus has also been detected in the organs of patients after recovery from the fever.

There is no standard treatment or established cure for the Ebola virus. Current therapy consists of maintenance of fluid and electrolyte balance. Oxygen sta-

*Initial symptoms of the Ebola virus include fever, muscle aches and severe headaches. Later symptoms include massive blood clots and hemorrhaging.*

tus and blood pressure are also maintained. To control bleeding in patients, blood and plasma transfusions are administered.

The Ebola-Sudan strain, which is now striking Uganda, was last detected near the Ebola River in Sudan in 1979, reinforcing suspicions of health care authorities that rebels based in southern Sudan may have inadvertently introduced the virus.

Uganda is employing several measures to reduce the spread of the disease. All funerals have been banned and now dead bodies are reported to authorities and carefully buried to avoid chance of transmitting the disease.

Ebola outbreaks are often favored by health care enfironments. This means that care providers in at-risk areas of the world must know how to identify Ebola as early as possible and contain it. The spread of Ebola can be controlled by barrier nursing, handling of infected blood and tissue in isolated laboratory units and proper decontamination of reusable equipment. In hopes of minimizing the severity of outbreaks, the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization have put forth guidlines to be followed by health care institutions in the case of a viral outbreak in the health care setting.

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**An electron micrograph of the Ebola virus at 160,000X magnification. This is the first photograph of Ebola and was taken by Dr. F.A. Murphy in 1976, who was with the Centers for Disease Control at the time. Ebola is one of two RNA viruses that make up the virus family known as filoviruses. The other virus, known as the Marburg virus, was discovered in 1967 when a group of lab workers in Germany and Yugoslavia developed the virus after handling tissue samples from green monkeys.**

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# *Endangered species and global warming update*

by Sam Baker '04
*CONTRIBUTING WRITER*

Although more and more efforts are being made to protect the endangered species of the world, a recently released study shows that the problem has only gotten worse.

In London on September 29 the most comprehensive analysis of global conservation was released by the World Conservation Union. The 2000 Red List of Threatened Species concluded that more than 11,000 plants and animals risk extinction. "The extinction crisis that we've all been talking about for a long time looks as if it is fast becoming a reality," said Craig Hilton-Taylor, of the British branch of the World Conservation Union, "And it is a far more serious problem than ever anticipated."

The study classified the animals and plants as vulnerable, endangered, or critically endangered. From 1996, the number of critically endangered mammals increased from 169 to 180 and the number of critically endangered birds rose from 168 to 182. According to the report, one in every four mammals and one in every eight birds is at some risk.

In September, scientists determined that a West African monkey is extinct. This marks the first time in several centuries that a member of the primate order, the taxonomic group to which humans belong, has become extinct. Biologists say that this is just the beginning of what they fear will be a growing number of primate extinctions in West Africa.

The primate Miss Waldron's Red Columbus disappeared from the rain forest canopy of Ghana and the Ivory Coast. The extinction was due to the fragmentation of forest areas and the trapping and shooting of the monkey by bush meat hunters supplying monkey meat to urban restaurants as a delicacy.

The bush meat trade has become an increasingly severe problem and is starting to attract more attention. In addition to much of Africa, it also affects the animal species of Asia, Oceania, and South America. On October 10, the IUNC World Conservation Congress in Amman, Jordan issued a worldwide resolution for the bush meat trade problem. The resolution urges all affected countries to strengthen and enforce trade laws to control the commercial trade of wild meat.

Conservationists estimate that the current extinction rate is 1,000 to 10,000 times greater than it should be under natural conditions. Humans are the primary cause of extinction in the world. Deforestation, pollution, agriculture and fishing are all leading causes of the extinction of species. But recent studies have shown that global warming also poses a serious threat to biodiversity. The World Wildlife Fund issued a report on August 31, 2000 that stated that global warming could cause the extinction of many species of plants and animals by the end of the 21st century. The claims were based on estimations of carbon dioxide emissions by the end of this century.

Last Wednesday, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released its conclusions after the first full-scale review and update of the state of the climate since 1995. The results, which were sent to governments around the world, included a new estimate on the effects of greenhouse gases on the Earth's temperature. According to the report, if greenhouse emissions are not curtailed the Earth's average surface temperature could increase from 2.7 to nearly 11 degrees fahrenheit by the end of the century. This estimate is much more foreboding than the 1995 assessment.

These climate changes cause the destruction of natural habits. "Climate change is coming at us much faster than many habitats are going to be able to handle," says Jennifer L. Morgan, director of the World Wildlife Fund Climate Change Campaign in Washington, D.C. Particularly at risk are species living in mountainous or isolated places. Among the species singled out as vulnerable are the Gelada Baboon in Ethiopia, the Monarch Butterfly, the Australian Mountain Pygmy Possum, the Northern Spruce in New York State and the Spoonbilled Sandpiper, which breeds in the far northeastern reaches of Russia.

In addition to these problems, there has been concern over the relatively new but rapidly growing threat of the spread of invasive alien plant and animal species. Species of plants and animals are transported around the world frequently, whether it is on purpose or by accident. Some of these species flourish in habitats that do not naturally contain them. They may displace and destroy the native species through predation, competition, or hybridization. Alien species often prove to be deleterious to ecosystems.

In the face of all these setbacks in the war against extinction, there are some new developments in helping species survive. Many of the wealthier countries of the world have been making efforts to prevent extinction and destruction of natural habitats. One example of these efforts is the United States, which recently extended protection of the Big Sur region of the central California coast.

One highly publicized example of species conservation is the reproductive plight of the Giant Panda. On August 21, 1999 a multidisciplinary scientific staff at the San Diego Zoo was able to help Bai Yun- a Giant Panda shipped to the United States in 1996- give birth to a baby panda. China has made several valiant efforts in recent years to save the Giant Panda by establishing 32 reserves and bringing 120 adults into a captive-breeding program. China's attempts at helping the Panda reproduce have not been met with as much success as the efforts of the San Diego Zoo. Now the zoo is working with scientists in China to improve the techniques of caring for and breeding the pandas in their home nation.

Despite several efforts by nations all over the world, the fact remains that species extinction is progressing at an alarming rate. If this is to be changed, cooperative efforts between organizations and nations will need to take place.

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**The Red-shanked Douc Langur (left) is an endangered Asian colobine monkey that can be found in south central Vietnam and Laos. The Mandrinette flower (right) is a critically endangered plant species that is unique to the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. Only 46 mature plants are left of the Mandrinette in the two localities in which it grows.**


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# Features

## Professors lead conference on classics & journalism

by Elizabeth Rabe '04
*FEATURES WRITER*

On Friday, Oct. 13, Professor Carl Rubino and Professor Barbara Gold moderated a discussion on the Classics and Journalism at the conference of the Classical Association of the Atlantic States in Philadelphia. Classics, their field of specialty, is the study of the Latin and Greek language, civilization, culture, and writings.

Professor Rubino serves here as the Edward North Professor of Classics and is currently teaching the World of Ancient Rome, a Seminar in the Classics and Government, and Roman Society and Culture. Dean Gold, a member of the Classics Department, serves as the Assistant Dean of Faculty as well.

The conference they attended brought together college and high school Classics teachers. These Classics professors and teachers participate in this biannual conference to, as Rubino notes, "listen to discussions, to socialize, and to relate to each other." The purpose of this conference is, according to Rubino, for the teachers to have a discourse on "how to teach the Classics to college and high school students."

In order to teach to college and high school students, teachers of the Classics must relate the discipline to other subjects. Gold and Rubino have done this here at Hamilton by starting the College 100 courses. College 100 courses such as The Unity of Knowledge and Hiroshima and After: The First 50 Years of the Atom Bomb try to relate different disciplinary areas like the arts, the historical and social sciences, the humanities, and the mathematics and sciences together. According to Rubino, this allows the students to realize that all disciplines, including the Classics, "overlap with other different disciplines."

Both professors also believe studying the Classics can help a person understand and comprehend the world of today. As Rubino notes, the study of the Classics "relates to today and gives a historical perspective to the present." According to Gold, studying the Classics also "provides a deeper understanding of what happened before last year." According to Gold, a company will be more likely to hire a Classics major than some other disciplines because "the study of the Classics develops an analytical mind and a broad knowledge of the other."

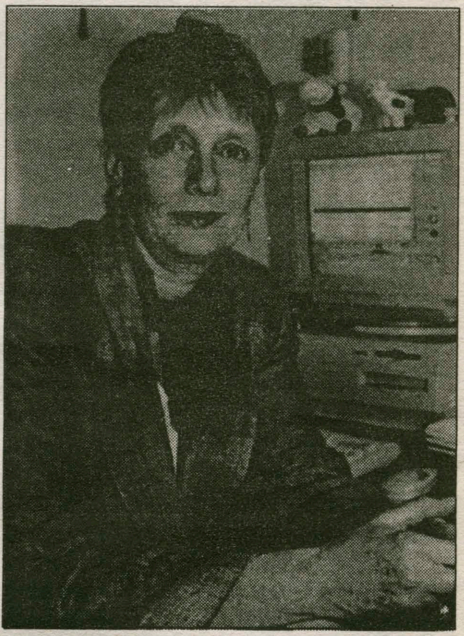
The husband and wife pair lead the discussion at the Philadelphia conference which was titled "The Word on the Street: Classics from the Perspectives of the Popular and University Presses." Their particular discussion focused on how Classicist writers could publish and appeal to a larger audience than only scholarly Classicists. The discussion had a panel of four journalists: Eric Halpern, director of the University of Pennsylvania Press, Murray Horwitz, National Public Radio's Vice President of Cultural Programming, Chuck Meyers, Classics editor at Princeton University Press, and Carlin Romano literary critic of *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. These journalists gave a short lecture and then answered questions from the audience about publishing classical scholarly work.

After considering the comments of the publishers, Gold argues that Classicists "must pitch their ideas to the outside world," because a publishing company only wants to "sell books that will make money or at least break even." There is an intellectual audience that will read interesting classical literature. For example, Classicists sell a greater percentage of books than the Modern Language Association. Consumers of Classicists books still buy hard copies of books at a higher rate than other disciplines because they want to keep them and reread them. But, as Rubino reasons, "Classicists have to make an effort to reach this audience" rather than just the experts in the field.

Many members in the field have tried to do this. One extreme example is that consumers can now buy translations of Elvis Presley songs in Latin. Additionally, Finland has a television station that is broadcast in Latin. Gold and Rubino have attempted to reach across the divide with their writings. In 1998, Gold published "The House I Live in Is Not My Own: Women's Bodies in Juvenal's Satire." This book takes a feminist approach towards the study of the Classics. Rubino also published a book in 1998 entitled "Opening up the Classical Past: Bakhtin, Aristotle, Literature, Life."

While publishers urge Classicists to write for a broader audience, the field rewards specialized books. Despite appeal to a broader field, traditional Classicists "look down upon general works because they are not thought to be original." These discrepancies pose a problem to writers. As Rubino notes, writers cannot "please two masters at the same time."

Hopefully, Classics professors like Gold and Rubino will continue to work towards conveying their subject matter to a diverse audience through their writings, teachings, and public broadcasts.



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**Husband and wife professors Rubino and Gold recently mediated a conference on classics and journalism.**

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# Watson Fellow Chris Nash '99 studied relationship between international governments and the Internet

by Jessica Atcheson '03
*FEATURES WRITER*

Wanderjahr: a year or period of travel, especially following one's schooling and before practicing a profession. This is what the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship allows students to do each year; exactly what Christopher Nash, class of '99, as a recipient of the fellowship, has spent the past year doing. He has recently returned to the United States after following his interest in information technology around the world for a year, accordingly conducting research regarding the development of the Internet in a diverse selection of countries.

When first approached by Virginia Dosch, fellowship coordinator, about possibly pursuing the Watson fellowship, Nash admits that he was apprehensive. He was planning on moving onto the next step after college, jumping into the regular routine, whether that meant getting a job or pursuing further educational opportunities. Thoughts of "being behind" after a return from a year abroad entered his mind. But, after thinking about it, thoughts like "When am I going to have an opportunity like this again?" became dominant, and Nash decided to go for it.

In his proposal for the Watson Fellowship, Nash outlined a plan that would take him around the world to study the development of the Internet in a range of countries. Ultimately entitled, "The Internet and Information Infrastructures: Portugal, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands," this topic sprang from his passion for computers, a pursuit that, interestingly enough, is not directly a part of what Nash went to school for. He graduated from Hamilton as a government major with a minor in economics and his interest in computers is something he picked up along the way. While still an undergraduate, he dove headfirst into designing web pages, and various other computer related tasks.

Originally planning to visit France, Portugal, Singapore, Micronesia and Tuvalu, as countries representing a spectrum of highly and poorly developed countries, Nash ended up with a slightly different itinerary, covering the countries of Portugal, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Micronesia and the Marshall Islands. Nash states in his final report, "I have been told that a Watson fellow must possess great flexibility and adaptability during his or her time abroad. This is not just good advice; this is law." The fellowship is structured so that participants must strive for self-reliance, independence, and self-motivation, since they are required to live and work on their own and, if circumstances arise that call for a change, a change must be made. The adjustments in location, however, had no detrimental effect on Nash's work, and he felt it "worked for the best," for various reasons.

In talking about the countries he visited Nash said, "There are very specific differences between these countries in terms of technological infrastructure, government organization, and economic viability. These disparities directly influence the development of the Internet as a whole and in turn further reinforce the variable rates of progress." Singapore, the most technologically advanced of the countries Nash visited, has a plan that it is the midst of implementing that aims to connect every resident in Singapore to the Internet, a very ambitious goal considering, as Nash tells us in his final report, even half the adult population in America does not have Internet access. On the other end of the spectrum there are the countries of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands, in which monopolies on Internet access, lack of economic resources, and government corruption are seriously hindering the ability of these countries, in which some citizens have never even used a phone, to move into the new age of technology.

In conducting his studies within each of the countries, Nash found the biggest difficulty to be landing in a new place every few months, by yourself, leaving friends you had just made in one country and going to a new one in which the surroundings were completely new. "Hostels saved the day," he said. Contrary to what many might think, language was not a large barrier for Nash in his travels, due to the consistency of the "language of technology," which has greatly been developed in the United States, and the abundance of English speakers in each country. In some of the countries, English was even an official language, especially when it came to governmental and business settings.

Nash found his numerous contacts in the various countries to be extremely helpful in his work, and often beyond hospitable. For example, his contact in Portugal treating him "like his own son." The willing helpfulness and cooperation carried over into other countries, making it fairly easy to do research, though in some cases, the information Nash was seeking was somewhat controversial due to forms of corruption linked to it. An example of such corruption can be seen in the Marshall Islands, where The National Telecommunications Authority, which has complete control over telecommunications there, is experiencing serious financial losses because the company "cannot collect the necessary fees from many of its customers given that a number of them work for the government and simply choose not to pay for the services rendered." This is upping the cost of Internet access to unaffordable prices for the rest of society, a society that works under the basic social structure of a caste system.

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**Nash's fellowship taught him that, "There are very specific differences between these countries in terms of the technological infrastructure, government organization, and economic viability."**

Clearly, Nash found his yearlong work to be fulfilling. As the Pacific continues to struggle in the implementation of new information technology due to monopolies on telecommunications systems that control the prices and provide no accountability, Nash hopes to get his research published and perhaps play a small, yet important part in breaking up those monopolies and bringing in competition, thereby making Internet access available to a greater number of people in the poorer, less developed countries.

For Nash, it is so much more than just the work that he took from his experience. He undoubtedly found his year abroad extremely personally fulfilling, for a number of reasons. According to Nash, he has emerged from the past year, having "grown an immeasurable amount," and gaining "broader perspectives." He also has the independence and flexibility required to follow his newly found "commitment to information technology," which has embodied itself in his current involvement with several independent Internet projects that he feels have a promising future. There may even be an information technology-related position at Hamilton in the future for him. At the moment though, as Nash writes in his final report to the Watson Foundation, to which he feels indebted for his incredible opportunity, he is "off to conquer the world..."

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**"What I really learned:" Despite the self-reliance and independence that the fellowhip requires of its participants, Nash savors a moment of relaxation in Thailand.**

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Bobby Peru humors and shocks Annex audience

by Matt Olney '01
*A&E EDITOR*

Last Thursday night, Bobby Peru performed their much anticipated first show of the year, and it is safe to say the show lived up to its hype. The boys and girls of Bobby humored, scared, and shocked the jam-packed Annex audience with skits about the Sangertown Square Mall, Central New York, the girls of Martin's Way benches, Hamilton's admissions office, and even Joey Lawrence.

Bobby's first two skits introduced the group members, the first satirizing *Fight Club* and the second showing off some of their Chancey's bought second-hand costumes. Who will ever forget Jesus Quintata. He don't care!

If the first two did not, their third skit surely scared away all the children and faint of heart. JP LeBlanc '01 highlighted the skit as the candy store whore who offers to bend little children over like Barney Rubble for some of their double bubble in a small candy store.

Their following skit was may have been their best of the night. It pitted a debate team from Columbia University (featuring David "chops" Prior '01) against Hamilton, made up of a drunk with marker all over his body, a leather-clad car racing fan and Jake Seidler '01, the speaking representative of the team. Though the Columbia team came at Hamilton with a plethera of big words and debate tactics, Sydler kept his responses short and simple, making fun of the other teams mother's to take the victory.

Upstate New York was the theme of the next skit about Joey Polazzo (Leblanc), a tean star who rose to the top and plummeted to the bottom seven different times. Hailing from the white ghetto of New York Mills, Polazzo told us stories of his days at the top and how he and his sidekick, played by Cameron Larson '01, fell to sex, drugs, and rock and roll. Look for Polazzo's new album entitled "Live at Zebbs," which hits stores next week.

They also made fun of the new drinking policies implemented at Hamilton during the past few years. During one skit, set in Al's Bar, a bartender turned away the oldest men in the world, played by John Bussey '01, Shawn Fortin '02, and Tom Keane '03, but served a nineteen year old freshman because he had a pub ID.

The Hamilton Minute also touched upon the new drinking policies, but will be remembered more for the great improvisation of Larson and Fortin. Fortin proposed some not so great names to come and speak to the Hamilton community, such as John Rocker, Steve Guttenburgh, Ted Dansen, and Dave Thomas of Wendy's. He also proposed personalizing his own license plate, using everything from his own name spelled differently to spelling how much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood in many different combinations.

But it was LeBlanc who stole the show, performing a hilarious rendition of Joey Lawrence's "There's Nothing My Love Can't Fix For You Baby." Dressed in his patented Philadelphia Eagles jersey and tuck-rolled stone washed jeanes, LeBlanc danced around the stage with Seidler, Larson, and Adam Bedient '04, and sang almost as well as the fallen star himself.

Whether you laughed, cried, or sat in your seat in complete shock, we can all agree that Bobby Peru was entertaining and well worth the free admission. If you like to watch some of Hamilton's most creative and entertaining people, but missed Bobby Peru's first show, then check out their next.. I think you'll enjoy it.

## *Lucky Numbers* is all pretty faces and no substance

by Sara Bencivenga '01
*A&E WRITER*

I have this gut feeling that *Lucky Numbers*, directed by Nora Ephron (*Sleepless in Seattle, You've Got Mail*), is a bad, bad movie, but in all fairness to the efforts of the cast and crew, I will point out what they did right.

The acting, for one, is decent. We have John Travolta playing Russ Richards, a TV weatherman who decides to rig the state lottery with the help of some friends: Crystal Latroy (Lisa Kudrow), Walter (Michael Moore), and Gig (Tim Roth). Travolta's Richards is the perfect PC businessman with a neurotic interior. Throughout the movie, you may find yourself wondering how long it will take for the popular and sociable Russ Richards to finally have a nervous breakdown, as the lottery-rigging scheme inevitably falls apart. Kudrow is the perfect bimbo as always, though I think it's time for her to stop playing Phoebe from *Friends* all the time. Ed O'Neill, a relic from *Married with Children*, has decidedly outgrown his sitcom years, on the other hand. His role is that of Richards and Latroy's slimy boss, and he delivers a strong performance. My personal favorite among the troupe, however, is undoubtedly Tim Roth. Roth has a tendency to overdo his acting, but he is just right in this movie. He plays the manipulative, street-wise owner of a strip joint; his character, Gig, lures Richards into the lottery-rigging in the first place. Roth is by far the most fun to watch; he is at ease in his role, and he is the most convincing.

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**Travolta and Kudro star in *Lucky Numbers*.**

Another perk in this movie is the camera work. It's surprising to see unusual camera angles in a mediocre film such as this one, but, there they were. One shot I particularly liked was the one in which Travolta stands on the back of a truck looking out at a snowy night. It's subtle, but beautiful.

I have to admit that there are some genuinely funny moments in this black comedy, but, for the most part, the comedy is forced. Most of the film is not humorous, even when it tries to be... which brings me to the biggest problem with *Lucky Numbers*: the script. In spite of the acting and sporadic moments of humor in the movie, the story is stale. There is no motivating factor behind the story or the characters; there is no strong moral or philosophical subtext (besides Richards's idea that "sometimes... you just get lucky" wow, that's deep) that underlies the plot.

*Lucky Numbers* feels like an HBO movie in that respect; it just tells a story and doesn't go beyond that. The inane script is at fault here. It should have provided us with characters and a story that are more interesting and the audience will care about enough to keep watching the rest of the film. Instead, the script creates flat characters, an insipid story, and strange, random dialogues that just aren't funny.

This film is another product of Hollywood mediocrity, another movie that looks like every other one that is being made nowadays. Pretty faces, good acting, no substance.

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# Hamilton College Theater presents Werterbaker's Love of the Nightingale

*PRESS RELEASE*

The Hamilton College Department of Theatre and Dance will present *The Love of the Nightingale* by Timberlake Wertenbaker November 9-11 and November 15-18 in Minor Theater on the Hamilton College campus. All performances begin at 8 p.m., with an extra matinee performance on November 11 at 2 p.m. The performance is directed by Melanie Sutherland, a 1979 graduate of Kirkland College, with scenery and lighting design by Bill Burd and costumes by Amy Svoboda. Based on the myth of Philomele, *The Love of the Nightingale* starts with war, goes through forbidden lust, deception, murder, rape, mutilation, revenge and, finally, metamorphosis. The play is a contemporary retelling of the myth of Philomele and Procne, the earliest record of which is Sophocles' Tereus from around 430 B.C. Only fragments of Tereus remain, but the story was retold in Ovid's epic poem, *Metamorphoses*. This interpretation by Timberlake Wertenbaker explores the power of speech and the implications of imposing and suffering silence. The Hamilton College production includes war, murder, rape, masks, dancing, puppets and acrobats.

Timberlake Wertenbaker began writing plays for children while teaching English in Greece. After this initial experience, she returned to Great Britain where she wrote for the fringe theatres in London. She was resident writer at London's Royal Court Theatre from 1984-1985, where she produced several plays. Plays include *The Third, Case to Answer, New Anatomies, Abel's Sister, The Grace of Mary Traverse, The Love of the Nightingale* (Eileen Anderson Award, 1989), *Our Country's Good, Three Birds Alighting on a Field and The Break of Day.* Ms. Wertenbaker received the Mrs. Giles Whiting Award for her body of work. She has translated Marivaux, Anouilh, Maeterlinck, and Mnouchkines' *Mephisto*, Sophocles's Theban Plays and Euripides' Hecuba. Screenplays include Edith Wharton's *The Children* and *Do Not Disturb*.

Melanie Sutherland is a freelance director in New York City who graduated from Kirkland/Hamilton College. She was represented on the Hill last fall as one of the alumni directors for Richard Nelson's *Roots in Water*. Ms. Sutherland received the John Golden Award for her work as Conceptor/Director of *Seven Sins / Seven Virtues*, 14 one-acts exploring the seven deadly sins and the seven cardinal virtues. In addition, she chaired the symposium, Women of Vision, Women Who Direct, for the American Directors Institute. She is a resident director at Circle Rep Lab, Women's Project & Productions, Circle East, Rattlestick Productions, and AAI Productions; is the program coordinator of Directors Nite Out; a judge for the Joseph A. Callaway Award; and sits on the Susan Smith Blackburn Competition Committee. She is an officer on the Board of Directors for the New York Coalition of Professional Women in the Arts and Media, and produces the Blatant Self-Interest Networking Event at The Players Club. Melanie Sutherland is a member of the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers. Ms. Sutherland will be featured in Who's Who in the World 2001. *The Love of the Nightingale* runs November 9 - 11 and November 15 - 18 at 8 p.m. There will be an additional showing at 2 p.m. on November 11. Tickets prices are $5.00 for adults and $3.00 for students. For more information, call 859-4057.


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# *Blair Witch* sequel frustrates instead of scaring audiences

by Darcy Lewis '02
*A&E WRITER*

*The Blair Witch Project* may have either scared you half to death, given you a case of motion sickness (which I don't understand), or prompted you to walk out in disgust and disappointment. The range of reactions to *Blair Witch* was wide and various, but with the arrival of the second chapter of *The Blair Witch* trilogy (yes, it is a trilogy), *Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2*, there will be only one possible reaction: frustration. Whether the expectation for this film is high or low, there will be quite a let-down. Instead of sticking to the unique formula that worked so well in the first film, the second installment goes the way of millions of other sequels and falls victim to the pressures of bigger budgets, more complex technology, and the inflated ego of having a smash hit under the belt.

In the first movie, three young filmmakers head into the woods around Burkittsville, Maryland to make a documentary about an evil spirit called the Blair Witch that is said to be inhabiting the forest. The resulting video is the only evidence that remains, as the filmmakers themselves are never seen again. The ingenious marketing of the film as a true story is feebly carried over into the second film, *Book of Shadows*. The second film, set in the fall of 1999, centers on Burkittsville once again. This time the town has become overrun with people who have seen the first film and want to catch a glimpse of the Blair Witch themselves, resulting in confrontations with the creepy locals and a booming tourist industry built around reproductions of the notorious stick figures that hung from the trees in the original film.

One local guy named Jeff (Jeffrey Donovan, *Sleepers, Witness to the Mob*) who harbors some major issues about a past stay at an insane asylum, has built up a huge business because of the Blair Witch hysteria. He decides to expand further, creating "The Blair Witch Hunt," a tour of the infamous spots where Heather, Mike and Josh camped and where they disappeared. The assembled "inaugural tour" spends a wild night out in the woods drinking and getting high, and wake up to find that everything they brought with them is destroyed. The group retreats to Jeff's house, where they try and decipher what happened from the videos Jeff recorded, unaware that something evil has followed them back from the forest.

Trust me, it is not as scary as it may sound. *Blair Witch 2* tries every trick in the book to scare the audience. Instead of leaving the horror to the imagination like the first one so cleverly did, the film throws gruesome, disjointed visions of knives stabbing into flesh, blood gushing over everything, and hundreds of annoying, high-pitched screams at the audience. True, there were a few very sleek effects that could not have been possible without technology, but those effects were few and far between and didn't carry much weight or significance. They were simply there because they could be. The film is a huge let-down because it starts out so wonderfully, interviewing the weird population of the town and including footage of hundreds of Goth teenagers staking out Burkittsville cemetery.

*Blair Witch 2* descends into a cheesy, albeit at times slightly frightening B movie. Rent the first one again, and wait for the prequel, which will chronicle the original events surrounding the Blair Witch, to come out. That will be an event worth waiting for.

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# Ultimate frisbee finishes season strong, triumphs over Colgate

by Jocelyn Karen '04
*CONTRIBUTING SPORTS WRITER*

A 175-gram disc whizzes by your head. Do you duck? No, of course not. You stretch yourself out and dive for the disc in a perfectly laid out position. As your hands grasp the disc, you land with a thud. Suddenly, a cheer erupts and cries of "great layout" are heard.

Welcome to the exciting sport of Ultimate Frisbee, a fast-paced Frisbee game that combines the endurance and teamwork of a soccer player with the agility and air sense of a gymnast. At Hamilton College, Taz Ultimate is trying to break into the top ranks of college Ultimate Frisbee.

The 2000 Taz team is led by the experienced veterans but the core of the team is composed of freshman. This year, the team is trying to take ultimate more seriously and be a strong competitor in tournaments.

At the "Almost Canada" tournament held September 9 at Clarkson University, Taz had its best showing in history finishing second to the highly skilled Skidmore team. There, Taz experimented with an offense called "moving and shaking". Moving and shaking proved to be effective at the tournament as Taz easily defeated the Clarkson team in its first game. The next two games against UVM and the Clarkson alum were much more difficult but Taz prevailed to win both games 13-12.

The players then took a short break at the barbecue and participated in the huck (furthest throw) and layout (best diving catch) contests. Senior stars Ryan Wanger and Pete Sniffen wooed the crowd with their frisbee-dog-esque throw and catch. The judges were equally impressed, awarding them first prize despite some stiff competition from a Clarkson duo who did their layouts naked! However, after playing two long games in a row, Taz went into the finals incredibly tired and was beaten by a strong Skidmore team.

Instead of reflecting on its defeat in the finals, the members of Taz were quick to congratulate Skidmore on its win. It is part of the ultimate tradition to make up a cheer for the opposing team. This "spirit of the game," which seems unique to the sport of Ultimate, is also apparent in other aspects of the game, such as self-officiating at all levels of play.

Over Family Weekend, Taz hosted an exhibition game against Colgate. Taz started off strong and took the lead early in the game using a zone defense as often as they could.

The zone, a play where three defensive players (the cup) try to block the handler from making any upfield throws, was used to shut down Colgate's signature move, the huck. The zone is particularly effective on extremely windy days because it forces the offense to string together several horizontal passes near their own endzone before they are able to make a throw upfield.

Despite excellent all around play, the wind made catching extremely difficult and Colgate rallied back late in the first half and took the lead at halftime. Down 6-9, but fueled by the support from parents and fans, Taz managed to control the disc late in the second half and after scoring two key upwind points won the game 15-12.

They ended the fall season with a record of 4-1, so what's in the future for Taz Ultimate? If they continue to have the same level of commitment they had in the fall, the team will have a good chance of advancing to regionals in the spring.

Currently, the team is predominantly male but the female Tazzers are trying to encourage more women to play in the hopes of forming a womens team. In the spring, watch for a strong effort in ultimate tournaments from Taz!

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**Members of TAZ Ultimate Frisbee team relax after a victory. Parents' Weekend the team beat Colgate 15-12. This season the team finished 4-1.**

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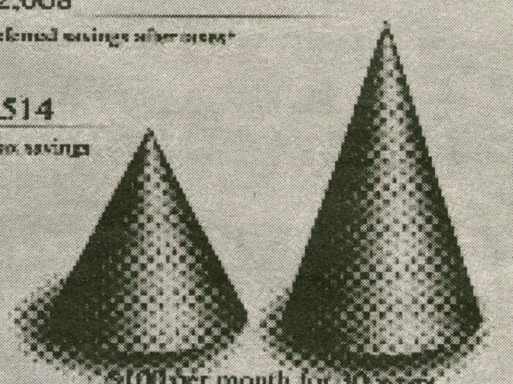


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| *Eastern Championship Game* | Heat vs Pacers | Magic vs Bucks | Heat vs Knicks | Knicks vs Bucks | Knicks vs 76ers |
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| *Eastern Sleeper* | Hornets | Hornets | Cavaliers | Bulls | Celtics |
| *Western Sleeper* | Suns | Suns | Mavericks | Clippers | Warriors |
| *Most Overrated (East)* | Magic | Knicks | Hornets | Magic | Pacers |
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| *MVP* | Tim Duncan | Gary Payton | Allen Iverson | Shaquille O'Neal | Shaquille O'Neal |
| *Coach of the Year* | Gregg Papovich | Pat Riley | Pat Riley | Jeff Van Gundy | Pat Riley |
| *Rookie of the Year* | Desmond Mason | Marcus Fizer | Stromile Swift | Kenyon Martin | Kenyon Martin |
| *NBA Finals* | Pacers vs Spurs | Magic vs Blazers | Heat vs Blazers | Bucks vs Lakers | Knicks vs Blazers |
| *NBA Champion* | Spurs | Blazers | Blazers | Lakers | Blazers |

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| *Atlantic Division* | Knicks | Sixers | Knicks | Heat | Magic |
| *Central Division* | Bucks | Pacers | Bucks | Bucks | Bucks |
| *Midwest Division* | Rockets | Timberwolves | Timberwolves | Spurs | Spurs |
| *Pacific Division* | Blazers | Lakers | Blazers | Lakers | Lakers |
| *Eastern Championship Game* | Knicks vs Magic | Sixers vs Pacers | Bucks vs Knicks | Knicks vs Bucks | Magic vs 76ers |
| *Western Chamionship Game* | Blazers vs Lakers | T'wolves vs Lakers | Blazers vs Lakers | Blazers vs Lakers | Blazers vs Lakers |
| *Eastern Sleeper* | Wizards | Celtics | Wizards | 76ers | Nets |
| *Western Sleeper* | Grizzlies | Jazz | Timberwolves | Clippers | Clippers |
| *Most Overrated (East)* | Heat | Magic | Magic | Magic | Knicks |
| *Most Overrated (West)* | Spurs | Spurs | Suns | Blazers | Kings |
| *MVP* | Shaquille O'Neal | Shaquille O'Neal | Kevin Garnett | Shaquille O'Neal | Shaquille O'Neal |
| *Coach of the Year* | Doc Rivers | Larry Brown | Jeff Van Gundy | Scott Skiles | Pat Riley |
| *Rookie of the Year* | Darius Miles | Kenyon Martin | Kenyon Martin | Kenyon Martin | Kenyon Martin |
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# Men's Cross Country takes fifth at NESCACs, looks forward to success at State Championships

by Fred Shear '03
*SPORTS WRITER*

In the biggest meet so far this year for the Hamilton men's cross-country team, the Continentals came through with a gutsy fifth-place finish at the NESCAC Championship.

Hamilton went up against the toughest schools in the Northeast, held their own, and finished in the top half of the field.

Williams won the Championship with a score of 31. Bowdoin was second with 97, then Trinity, 98, Tufts 115, Hamilton 156, Bates 162, Connecticut 171, Wesleyan 189, Amherst 212, Colby 219, and Middlebury 249.

Mac Weiss '02 led the Continentals with a time of 26:57. That was good enough for 14th overall in the field of 126 runners. Afterwards, Weiss was named second team All-NESCAC.

The next four scoring Continentals were Scott Taylor '01 (29th overall) 27:38, Nate Arnold '03 (36th overall) 27:54, Sam Brown '01 (37th overall) 27:55, and Ryan Murelli '02 (46th overall) 28:14. Other finishers were John Damaske '02 28:20, Doug Zeyak '02 28:38, Steve Guditus '01 28:46, Karl Bressler ''01 28:59, Paul Jones '03 29:04, and Andrew Matlack '03 29:45.

This was a big-time performance by the Continentals, as many runners came up big. One of these runners was Arnold, who contributed to the team's strong showing.

"It was nice that when the chips were down, I was able to help the team. We thought we could finish fourth or fifth, and we did a good job," commented Arnold.

Coach Brett Hull was satisfied with the team's efforts, saying, "We ran a very solid race. Top to bottom, the NESCAC is an extremely tough conference. The pace of this race was really fast in the beginning. But our guys did a super job in the last mile...we were looking at 6th or 7th place until the last mile, when we passed a lot of guys at the end."

The Continentals came in ninth place last year at the NESCAC's, and that was with the race at their home course. That they went up four spots this year is a testament to their hard work and their dedication.

The team is anxious to run next week at the State Championship, which is held here at Hamilton.

"We ran a really solid race this past week. We want to continue that. We finished in the top three last year, but if we run our best, we can finish higher than that," said Hull.

Although top to bottom, the NESCAC was a tougher race, there will be some challenging competition this week as well. Among the tough teams are Saint Lawrence, Ithaca, and Geneseo.

The Continentals have been bested by Geneseo twice this year, but Hamilton will put them to the test this week.

So come out and support the Continentals Saturday morning at 11. These student-athletes have put in the time and effort, and it has paid off all year long.

It may culminate in a State Championship this Saturday.

# Crew team ends fall season on high note

by Prashant Sadarangani '04
*SPORTS WRITER*

Coming off a great performance at the Head of the Charles regatta in Boston, the Hamilton crew team undoubtedly had a high level of confidence going into this past weekend's Head of the Schuykill in Philadelphia.

This was the final regatta of the fall for the crew team, and there could not have been a better way to wrap up the season.

The women's varsity team werethe true heroes this weekend, as they finished a magnificent sixth out of 36 boats in the open-eight event.

They actually accomplished this feat by beating Division I schools including Ivy League Schools.

"Every woman in the boat was out to prove that we are a strong crew, and that is exactly what we accomplished. Every stroke was powerful and we rowed with heart and were able to edge out some very tough programs," said co-captain Beth Hayes '02.

Coach Joe Bilyea was extremely proud of their performance as well, adding, "This is a tremendous result for the women. They beat no less than ten Division I schools. When you consider this, plus the fact that this crew has already beaten Williams and Ithaca this fall, two schools that were in the top four in the nation last year, I feel there is legitimate excitement for us to be a top-20 program in the spring."

The men's crew team put on an excellent show as well, and rowed efficiently in weather conditions that were not ideal for racing due to the rough waters and the strong prevalent winds.

Adam Schayowitz '02, who manned the eight position in the boat, commented on the team's performance: "Both the men's and women's teams finished the season on a high note. It would have been great to have Houli there, he would have loved it, but I feel we all made him proud."

Coach Bilyea also acknowledged this fact, "With all that this crew has had to go through and deal with Matt's death and the constant boating order changes, the fact that they can consistently place in the top half of the field, regardless of who is in the boat, bodes well for the spring season."

After finishing the season on a high note, both teams will go into training, hoping to further improve for the upcoming spring season.

Men's co-captain Steven Larson '03 was extremely satisfied with the team's overall performance, saying, "The weekend went well and we all are pleased. I think both [men's and women's] teams have put themselves in a good position to do very well this spring and I am eagerly awaiting getting back out on the water in April. I also think that we will see some all time best Hamilton finishes and hopefully some State Championship medals."

# Incorrect equation: BCS provides few answers

First, take the total number of non-conference wins and divide them by the number of teachers that give breaks to athletes. Then, multiply that by the number of cheerleaders with a 3.0 grade point average divided by the number of football players with a 3.0 grade point average. Take that total and divide it by the amount of money illegally distributed to the team. Finally, add that total to the team's win total from their first year of existence, add it to this year's win total and then divide that by the number of coaches on the sideline for the final total.

Well, that may not be exactly how the BCS people work out their system, but it's

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**The Point After**

not too far off either. Every year this system rewards teams who finish with 3 losses, but play tough schedules, and push down the teams that are undefeated or have one loss, but play weaker schedules. Three years ago a very good BYU team, one that finished 13-1, was kept out of a major bowl thanks to strength of schedule, while a mediocre Ohio State team slid into a major bowl with 3 losses. And same thing is going to happen again this year.

Texas Christian University is having a great season. They have no losses and arguably the top running back in the country, LaDainian Tomlinson. But, after the initial BCS rankings they were in the 12th spot, and only jumped to 9th this past week after an impressive 37-0 victory over an underrated Rice squad.

I'm not saying that this team deserves to be in a bowl more than, say, the 7-2 Purdue Boilermakers. Purdue, despite having two losses, is in first place in the illustrious Big Ten Conference. What I am saying is that it is not the fault of TCU for the conference they were put in.

It is impossible to blame TCU for playing in rivalries, or for beating up on everyone in the weak WAC Conference.

The fact is, though, that no matter what, TCU will not win the National Championship. Even if Oklahoma and Virginia Tech suffer first losses, the second tier of Nebraska, Miami, or Florida will most likely capture the national title.

What does this give TCU to take away from their undefeated season? Is the sense of pride good enough to squelch the overbearing concept that maybe, just maybe, they were good enough to play with the big boys?

I'm sure there is not a player on TCU who would not like their crack at taking on the elite teams. This is why the Bowl System of choosing a national champion has to go. I understand that the bowls are an important part of the history of college football, and that they provide a lot of money for the colleges and universities who participate in them. The problem is, it is, and has always been, the elite scratching the elite's back.

While some bowls are determined by conference play (e.g. Rose Bowl), most are determined by either the BCS or in some cases it is the bowl's own choice. First of all, the BCS, by factoring in the strength of schedule so much, is not going to give the undefeated teams from the weaker conferences much of a chance.

In the same regard, a bowl is not going to invite a team like the 11-0 TCU Horned Frogs, when they can have, say, the 6-5 Alabama Crimson Tide. More Alabama fans will attend the game, and since none of the minor bowls matter, the television coverage will be based on fan support and interest, so it makes sense that the television station would rather have Alabama.

What is the solution then, you ask? Easy, turn it into January Madness, or January Jubilation, or something like that. It is time for the NCAA tournament of college football. Division I-AA has this tournament, Division 2 has this tournament, and Division 3 has this tournament, its time Division 1 stepped into this format.

In this tournament, there would be less of an opening for at-large bids, due to the fact that football teams cannot play two games in three days. All Division 1 conference winners, including the independent team with the best record, would advance into this tournament. If, say, Michigan were to come in second to Ohio State in the Big Ten, then maybe Michigan does not go. Ohio State would have proved that they were the best team in the Big Ten.

Thus, like the ranking system, it would take into account more of the overall season, as opposed to one lucky month. The tournament teams could then be ranked to determine the order of their seeding. Also, major bowl games could still exist in this fashion as maybe the elite eight is played at four different bowl spots, the final four at two other spots, and the national championship at another spot. In addition, these locations would be switched around every year.

The bowl system will continue for years, that is a given. But the higher-ups in college football should take a step back, and look to see if this is truly the best system for the college athletes. Any undefeated team has earned their shot at greater glory.

# Women's Rugby finishes third at States

**by Alison Ackerknecht '02**
*CONTRIBUTING SPORTS WRITER*

Ask any rugger why they decided to play rugby, and I'm sure you would get shrugged shoulders and a lot of, "It looked cool" responses. For whatever reason, 27 Hamilton women have trained together and created a collective goal: have fun, work hard, and strive for States. Two months later, they have accomplished it all.

The women's rugby team headed to Genesee Community College, located in Batavia, to participate in the New York State Rugby Conference 2000 Collegiate Championships.

Each player left Hamilton on Friday aspiring to not only beat Syracuse University on Saturday, but to also beat the winner of the Ithaca/Union game on Sunday. Winning these two games would mean that Hamilton would be the New York State Division 2 Champs.

Fifteen players started the first half on Saturday in cold weather, staring up a slanted field, into a strong wind, and at some tough Syracuse ruggers (it isn't hard to find a few good rugby players in a school of 12,000 students-quite a difference from Hamilton's 1,700 students...).

The conditions were poor, and Hamilton was affected by all of them.

In the first half Syracuse scored five tries, but Hamilton's Sarah Doane '03 was able to drive through the wind and score off a pass from Becky Karb '02. With their heads down, Hamilton rallied in the second half and managed to hold their own.

Strong passes from Courtney Robbins '03, Martha Jackson '03, and Katie Beaver '03, along with a lot of packie strength from Alice Muir '01, Diane Soboski '01, and Sarah Mason '02, allowed the women ruggers to keep Syracuse far from their try zone in the second half.

Alison Ackerknecht '02 pushed her way through to score the only try of the second half. The final score was 39-12, favoring Syracuse.

Hamilton went on to fight Union College for third place, and they succeeded. Robbins scored two tries, one assisted by Karb, the other by Jenna Bussman '02. Bussman also scored a try off a pass from Karb.

Strong tackles by Carine Camara '03, Laura Crandall '04, Anna Crowe '03, and Muir held off Union players, and Hamilton ended their season beating Union 19-0.

The women ruggers returned to Hamilton on Sunday with pride. They were not only proud to be the third best Division 2 team in all of New York, but proud of what the team stands for.

Although the players come from all different backgrounds, with all different reasons to play rugby, the team came together and achieved all of its preseason goals.

They walked off the field that cold day in October, looking back and thinking that they not only attained dedication, support, strength, and a trophy, but they built friendships with 26 other girls, resulting solely from eight straight weeks of hard work, training, and fun.

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| Miami at Detroit 11/5 | Dolphins | Dolphins | Lions | Lions | Dolphins | Dolphins |
| NY Giants at Cleveland 11/5 | Giants | Giants | Giants | Giants | Giants | Giants |
| San Francisco at New Orleans 11/5 | Saints | Saints | Saints | Saints | Saints | Saints |
| Dallas at Philadelphia 11/5 | Eagles | Eagles | Eagles | Eagles | Cowboys | Eagles |
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# The Spectator Athlete of the Week: Chris Steed '01

by Andy Horner '03
*ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR*

Chris Steed '01 can't help smiling when he talks about this season, and with good reason. The Continentals finished the regular season in first place in the UCAA conference, which was good enough to earn them their first ever bid to the NCAA tournament.

However, the Hamilton College men's soccer team should consider itself very lucky. At the beginning of this season, senior co-captain Steed found himself pondering whether or not he really wanted to play yet another year of soccer. Steed thought that perhaps fifteen years of soccer was enough, and that the time to hang up his cleats had come.

"I had some reservations about coming out for the team this year, and I talked to some friends about it before deciding," Steed explained. "I thought maybe the time had come to call it quits."

A bio-chemistry major, Steed looked forward to a year of thesis work and relaxation. Having successfully balanced school with soccer for his entire academic career, he thought it might be a nice change to not have to worry about the daily practices and games. Just being a student, instead of a student-athlete, looked appealing.

Eventually, however, Steed changed his mind. He realized that this season would likely be his final one on an organized team, and that going out and enjoying it as much as possible made the most sense.

As this magical season for the Continentals winds down, it is apparent that Steed made the right decision. He has become a leader for the Hamilton men both on and off the field. His teammates praise his positive attitude. His coach, Perry Nizzi, has only good things to say about the leader of one of the most effective midfield units in the UCAA conference.

And it is apparent that Steed has enjoyed himself, to the tune of a team-high nine goals, to go with an assist. He ended the regular season tied with Sky Gellatly '03 for the team lead in points, and also tied with Gellatly for fourth place in the UCAA with 19 points scored.

Most importantly, however, was when Steed scored his goals. During the six game winning streak with which Hamilton ended the season, Steed found the back of the net six times, including at least once in all but one of these vital wins.

He scored the game-winner in a 1-0 victory over rival Skidmore to begin the winning streak. He netted two more in a 4-0 win against Union. He went to the well once more in a 3-0 win over Keuka, and rang the bell once in the 2-1 victory at Oswego.

The next game, at Hobart, would decide the Continentals postseason fate, and once again it was Steed providing the punch that knocked Hobart out and Hamilton into first place in the UCAA.

Halfway through the second overtime, he beat the Hobart goalie on a goal made possible by hustle, determination, and a wonderful pass by Dimitry Maurice '03.

Throw in the fact that Steed was named UCAA player of the week during the streak, and you have a stretch of play as good or better than anything the Hamilton community has seen for years.

PHOTO BY SAGE BISSELL '02

**Steed has proven to be lethal with the ball this year, blowing by defenders with relative ease.**

In leading Hamilton to the NCAA tournament, Steed has continued a soccer journey that began at age five in his hometown of Pine City, NY. After years of soccer in youth leagues, Steed brought his skill and determination to the field for Notre Dame High School.

Through the first three years of his Hamilton career, Steed toiled on teams that struggled to maintain their chemistry on and off the field. "In the past," he recently commented, "we've had teams with talent, but which lacked the ability to come together on and off the field."

Indeed, this inability was reflected in the records of the men's soccer teams of recent years. However, the change that begun with the arrival of coach Nizzi culminated this year.

"It's certainly clear to me that we have become much more of a team than I've seen since freshman year," Steed said. Clearly, this improved chemistry has much to do with the guiding influence provided by the team's four seniors, Steed, co-captain Dave Bugliari '01, defensive specialist Andrew Paine '02, and backup goalkeeper James Cole'01.

Steed's offensive prowess this season has come as something of a surprise to many people, as in past seasons he was known primarily for his hustle and skillful play in the midfield.

However, he has become a dangerous scorer, which is all the more impressive due to his position in the midfield. Steed attributes the metamorphosis of his game primarily to his levels of confidence and comfort on the field.

"How I play the game now is totally different," Steed explained. "I don't think about what is going on, I just go with the flow of the game." Indeed, this confidence and natural style of play has been a trademark of the entire team this season. Steed summed it up by saying, "When I look at us playing now, compared to other years, the way that we are playing is so much different than it had been."

From the emergence of Gellatly as a force on the offense, to Huy Huynh's '03 continued development at sweeper, to Doug Bellard's '02 superb season in goal, Steed has watched the entire team make incredible improvements.

As the Continentals head into the exciting and competitive world of postseason play for the first time, they have good reason to be a little nervous. No one on the team has experienced the NCAA tournament before, and they will be up against the top teams in Division III soccer, most of whom have seen tournament action before.

However, Hamilton fans and players can certainly take heart in one important fact; Chris Steed will be on the field for the Continentals, and he'll be ready to continue leading this exciting Continental team to victory.

# Women's Cross Country takes third in NESCACs, prepares to compete in Regional Championships

by Michael Everhart '02
*SPORTS WRITER*

The women's cross-country team finished third at the NESCAC Championships last weekend at Amherst College, avenging last year's loss to Amherst and achieving its highest finish ever.

Middlebury finished first with 39 points, followed by Williams with 64, Hamilton with 114, Amherst with 121, and Connecticut College with 125. Coach Ellen Hull said, "We finished where we thought we would. Third is pretty good in the most competitive conference in the country."

Kate Nelson '01 and Jen Cammarano '03 led the team as they have all season by finishing fourth and sixth overall with times of 18:49 and 18:53, respectively, with Nelson only three seconds off the winning time of Middlebury's Jessica Johnston.

They both gained all-NESCAC honors with their top 15 finishes, with Cammarano accomplishing it for the second time and Nelson accomplishing it in her rookie season. Freshmen Alyson Grant and Sarah Bardenett finished twenty-fourth and thirty-fourth with times of 19:53 and 20:10, respectively.

Rounding out the top five runners was Annie Toth '02, who finished forty-ninth with a time of 20:23; finishing seventy-second and seventy-eighth were freshmen Christine Campbell and Lauren Perkins with times of 20:55 and 21:02.

Coach Ellen Hull remarked, "Although the team did very well, some of the runners went out too fast because of the meet's excitement, which slowed them down towards the end of the race."

Tricia Kowalski '03, co-captain Liz Guancial '01, Isabel Ezrati '03, and Lara Clemenzi '04 finished ninety-seventh, one hundred second, one hundred fourth, and one hundred sixth, to round out the team.

Guancial said, "NESCAC's was our first really big meet, and it gave us a chance to get used to what it's like running one hundred other people."

Co-captain Emily Hill '01 competed in the alumni/open category with former teammate Tara Woolford '99. She is recovering from a serious fall in September. Although she will not be healthy enough to run in any of the remaining meets, she plans to be ready for the indoor track season.

She said about this season, "I'm still a captain for cross-country though, so I've been going to all the practices and going on the stationary bike. While I was very upset and frustrated at missing out on my senior season, it's given me a different perspective as a motivator for the team and a member of the cheering squad."

Tomorrow the team hosts the NYSCTC Championships on the golf course, which should be almost as competitive as last week's meet was.

As always, the team will try to improve the time difference between its first and fifth runner. Only the top ten runners on the team will be competing tomorrow.

Ranked fourteenth nationally, its best competition should come from nationally ranked Ithaca College (ninth) and SUNY Geneseo (eleventh), which defeated the team in last year's meet and at the Purple Valley Classic in September, but lost to it earlier this season here at home.

Nelson and Cammarano should challenge Geneseo's Jen Rettke, who won the Hamilton Invitational in early October. Hamilton, Ithaca, Geneseo and one or two other teams have been significantly stronger than the rest of the field this season.

Tomorrow will be a chance for the team to see how it fares against several of the top teams in the Atlantic Region so it knows what to expect next week at the most important meet of the season, the Regional Championships.

Hull said, "We're looking forward to seeing Ithaca for the first time this season and SUNY Geneseo again. We're training right through this weekend in preparation for next weekend in Rochester," which is the site for Regionals.

The race will determine who gets to compete in the Division 3 NCAA Championships.

# Sports

## Williams too much for Hamilton on Parents' Weekend

by Greg Ernstrom '01
*NEWS EDITOR*

Last weekend, parents and students alike gathered at Stueben Field to watch the Continental football team (1-5) battle their rivals, the Williams College Ephs (4-2). Coming into the game, the Continentals were trying to recover from a heartbreaking loss to an excellent Colby team in a game they had a chance to win. Williams was coming off of an emotional come-from-behind victory over Tufts. As these games demonstrate, it has been a tale of two seasons for the Continentals and the Ephs.

On one hand, Hamilton has gotten better each week, but they have not been unable to find a way to win consistently. Williams on the other hand, is having an off year, but they are still managing to find ways to win games. Despite the difference in records, Hamilton players believed that they could beat Williams.

Andy Basco '03 stated before the game that "we should win this game."

Coach Tim Pendergast echoed this view by saying, "I believe we can beat them."

This confidence was evident in the way the Continentals began the game. The defense, led by Ryan Nolan '02 with 11 tackles and one pass break-up, was playing up to form as they stymied the Ephs the entire first quarter.

When the Continental offense took the field, it was Chris Weeden '02 who got the bulk of the yards. Weeden finished the day with 106 yards rushing on 28 carries. The offensive line, anchored by team captain Ted Stewart '01, has been a much-maligned group recently. Suffering from injures, the banged up unit stepped up its play and dominated the William's defensive line, opening up gaping holes for Weeden, Elijah Huling '04, and Chris McCarthy '02.

The offensive line, which consisted of Dudley Purbeck '02, Ed Witchey '02, Basco, and John Claire '02.

"The offensive line did a nice job. Despite the injuries, they have gotten better each week" Pendergast said after the game. The offense moved the ball very well in the first half as they amassed 137 total yardage.

However, as has been the story all season, the offense struggled to score touchdowns once they reached the red zone.

"While our offense has improved, we haven't been able to score on our opponents when the opportunity has presented itself," said Pendergast.

This held true as the Continentals were held to a Greg Bemis '01 field goal after an impressive 19 play drive that ate up 73 yards and 9:28 of clock. The 3-0 lead was the first lead that the Hamilton offense had produced all season.

PHOTO BY SAGE BISSELL '02

**Chris Acheson '02 blocks as running back Chris Weeden '02 prepares to bowl over a defender.**

The defense played up to form and was led by the inspired play of defensive back J.P. LeBlanc '01 who was inserted into the starting lineup for the injured Marcus Juba '03. LeBlanc was tested early and often in the secondary and more than stepped up to the challenge as he recorded several batted balls, including one in the end zone that prevented a William's touchdown, and an interception prevented a William's touchdown.

Coach Pendergast raved about LeBlanc's performance after the game, "here's a guy who hasn't played in a football game in four years, and he steps up and has a terrific game. I really respect a person like J.P. who takes a risk, tries out for the team his senior year, and gives it all he's got."

Despite LeBlanc's impressive performance, it was Dave Spezzano '02 who stole the spotlight when he recovered a William's fumble late in the second quarter and returned it for a touchdown.

The 22-yard return gave Hamilton a 10-7 lead heading into the half. In the locker room, coach Pendergast told his team that the second half was going to be an educational experience. "We had never led at half time this season, so I told them the second half would be a good learning opportunity. As a team, you have to learn how to play with a lead and how to finish a ball game."

Williams came out in the second half with a chip on their shoulder. As they have done several times this season, Williams mounted a comeback that began on their first drive that resulted in a 23-yard touchdown run by Mike Hackett.

The drive set the tone for the rest of the game. Despite the offense's inability to score points in the second half, McCarthy emerged as the Continental's biggest receiving threat. The coaching staff moved McCarthy to wide receiver last week in an effort to put the best players on the field.

Coach Pendergast explained that "we have to work out ways for the best players to be on the field. Right now McCarthy, Weeden, and Huling are playing very well. By moving Chris to the slot position, we are able to have all three of them on the field."

McCarthy demonstrated his versatility as he played defensive back in the nickel package, and even played two downs at quarterback. In the second half, it was all Williams as they accumulated 159 yards of offense and scored 17 unanswered points. When the final gun sounded, Williams walked away with a 24-10 victory.

"Some teams have a tradition," Pendergast explained, "and Williams has a rich tradition. Teams who have this tradition don't give up and find ways to win. Right now we do not have as rich a tradition as Williams. We are taking steps in the right direction, we just have to learn how to finish."

Hamilton now has two games left in their season. Saturday the Continentals will play their last home game against Middlebury whom Coach Pendergast describes as "the best team I have seen on film."

Hamilton will head into the game banged up as Juba, Mike Powers '02, and Robert Pucko '03 will not be able to suit up for the game. Also, LeBlanc, Rob Neff '02, and Carlos Mercedes '04 are nursing injures that might limit their availability on Saturday.

Pendergast is not concerned about his team being motivated for the next two games. "Right now we control our own destiny. 3-5 looks a whole lot better than 1-7."

## Expectations high for Men's Basketball as preseason practice begins

by Peter Ringel '01
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"This is a very exciting time of the year, and I think it's great that so many students came out to try out for the team," said men's basketball coach Tom Murphy. "This is one of the most competitive tryouts we've had in a long time."

Men's hoops tryouts began Wednesday afternoon and will continue for two or three days depending on the coaching staff's wishes. Tryouts and preseason were not just for returning players and freshmen trying to make the team, but for former junior varsity players and any other student who believes they are skilled enough for the varsity team.

Some sophomores who had played junior varsity last season were attempting to earn a spot on the team. Tyler Sliney '03, Fred Shear '03, and Chris Tolles '03 were among those former junior varsity players attempting to make the jump to varsity this season.

"The large turnout that we had this year should ensure that Hamilton will have a strong basketball program for years to come," added Murphy. "We have great varsity and junior varsity teams this year."

However, the most interesting player trying out for the basketball team is Charles Jones '01. Jones played junior varsity his first two years at Hamilton but did not participate in the basketball program last season. He rebounded from a knee injury last season and was determined to go through the entire preseason and tryouts less than a year after a severe injury. He is one of over thirty players trying out for the team this season. The 2000-2001 season gets underway this weekend with the team's first practice and the "Alumni Game." Murphy must begin to prepare for his team's first regular season contest at the end of November. He is trying to build upon the success of last year's team. The Continentals accomplished something last season that no team had ever done before.

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

**Basketball hopefuls listen to Coach Murphy speak at tryouts.**

The team dominated the Upstate College Athletic Association (UCAA) by finishing 12-0 during the regular season.

The Continentals also qualified for the NCAA Tournament again and defeated Endicott College 85-68, before losing in the second round to SUNY Cortland, 60-55.

"We are looking forward to this season," said shooting guard Jimmy McCarthy '01. "We are bringing back a lot of talented players and hope to repeat as UCAA Champions again and have home-court advantage in the NCAA Tournament. We would also like to get another shot at Cortland!"

One man who is not back this year for the Continentals is Matt Stowell. With his departure, Murphy decided to bring back one of his former players to fill the coaching vacancy.

Mike Byrnes, who graduated three years ago, has returned to Hamilton to coach and will join Assistant Coaches Stan Evans and Randie Torgalski. Byrnes will try and help the rest of the coaching staff guide the team to another winning season.

The Continentals have not had a losing season since 1973-74 and have qualified for the postseason 26 years in a row, which is currently the longest winning streak of its kind in the nation. Murphy has also coached the Continentals to six straight NCAA appearances.